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Who's Who and What's What

President W. E. Holcomb of the Woman's College spoke Sunday morning at First Church, Columbus, in the interest of the endowment campaign.

Hinds-Warren Sunday School Conference met Sunday afternoon at Clinton. Brother E. C. Williams spoke and remained over and preached at night for Pastor J. W. Middleton.

Brother G. F. Byrd of Florence urges all who have radios to tune in on station XEPM at 5 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. to hear Rev. Sam Morris' talks on Prohibition. They are certainly worth anybody's attention.

Pastor G. P. White of Hazlehurst announces the prayer meeting topics for three months ahead. They consist of scripture characters in whom are embodied certain helpful truths, most of them from the Old Testament. The W. M. U. gave over \$1,000 last year to missions and education.

In a recent group of Baptist preachers who live and serve in the city of Memphis we heard frequent grateful reference to the growth of Baptists in Memphis, and all of these attributed the growth in part at least to the fact that there had never been a modernist among the Baptist preachers in Memphis.

Pastor J. B. Quin of Summit had Sunday morning the largest congregation for months; 94 per cent attendance at Sunday school; one conversion at the church service. The every member canvass is being completed. At Friendship church on the first Sunday there were two large congregations. The pastor is happy.

Mississippi's outstanding preacher, the Rev. D. W. Moulder of Smith County, who recently celebrated his 70th birthday, served nine churches last year and preached 366 sermons. The Reverend and Mrs. Moulder will celebrate their golden wedding February 9. Brother Moulder has served his home church, Whiteoak, for thirty-three years, and during his forty-one years as a Baptist preacher, has preached 14,216 sermons, baptized 4,320 persons, preached 1,320 funerals and married 344 couples.—J. W.

To those who are readers of the "Children's Circle" in the Record: Mrs. Frances Lipsey Steele will take up the work on that page which has been done by Mrs. Julia Toy Lipsey for the past several years. If one who has known her all her life may be permitted to express an opinion, there is no one in all our acquaintance who possesses qualifications for this work superior to hers. She was happily saved at the age of nine, and has from that day to this been deeply interested in all the work of the churches. For several years she has been an active member of the church at Magee, taking part in the work of the W. M. S. and the Sunday school, in which she teaches a class. Her literary training was secured at Hillman College and at the M. S. C. W. in Columbus. She asks the cooperation of the young people and all who are interested in them. Her work will speak for itself better than any of us can. She was born in Kentucky but her girlhood was spent in Mississippi, mostly in Clinton. Material intended for the Children's Circle may be addressed to Mrs. Frances Lipsey Steele, Magee, Miss.

In the Spanish civil war 1,300,000 people on both sides have been killed.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Convention will recommend an evangelistic campaign for 1939.

Dr. Geo. W. Truett will preach in a revival meeting in Huntington, W. Va., Feb. 22 to March 3. The city auditorium will be used for the evening services.

Rev. N. R. Stone is returning from Tampa, Fla., for some meetings in Alabama and Mississippi. His temporary address will be 1286 N. West Street, Jackson, Miss.

Dr. John Jeter Hurt, president of Union University, gladdened the Baptist editors by his presence in their winter conference, and helped by his sensible talk.

During the absence of Dr. M. E. Dodd on his South American tour the pulpit of First Church, Shreveport, will be supplied by Drs. L. W. Sloan, W. M. Wright, J. V. Tinnin, W. L. Pettingill, W. H. Knight, Ralph Walker, S. E. Tull, J. W. Kramer, Kyle M. Yates and J. W. Bruner.

Edwin S. Preston, for the past twelve years secretary of the Baptist Training Union work of Georgia, resigns that position to become executive secretary of Shorter College, effective Feb. 15. He has done excellent work among the young people and has served as general Sunday school superintendent and deacon in Druid Hills Church, Atlanta, for a number of years.

Dr. A. U. Boone who led a devotional service for the editors recently in Memphis, told us that that day marked the fifty-first anniversary of his ordination to the ministry. Perhaps he is not yet willing to be classed among the elder brethren, but like the palm tree he is still bearing fruit as the pastor in the Baptist Memorial Hospital. Many are grateful for his friendship and ministry through the years.

Dr. G. H. Crutcher, pastor in Tampa, Fla., says: "When Riverside Church provided for more readers to the Witness, they secured more baptisms than in any previous year. More additions. More activities on the part of the church group. More people pledging to the annual budget. More money raised than hitherto. More joy in the hearts of the people, and better fellowship all along the way."

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention will recommend that the percentage to be given the Baptist Bible Institute be slightly increased, to be made the same as that given the Louisville and Ft. Worth Seminaries. This seems certainly in the right direction, inasmuch as the Institute is entirely dependent on the Cooperative Program to meet its current expenses, having no endowment at all. The call which Dr. Hamilton is now making to friends of the Bible Institute for help should meet a generous response. The Institute has labored to meet its obligations, and has done exceedingly well under the circumstances. The interest on bonds can be met only by special designated gifts, and this is what Dr. Hamilton is now asking for. The money contributed through the 100,000 Club is used to pay only principal of indebtedness. None of it can be used to pay interest. The interest is paid by friends who contribute to this purpose to preserve the credit of the Institute. The interest on these bonds falls due on Feb. 1st and on Aug. 1st. Feb. 1st is nearly here.

It is said that already 32,000,000 people have applied for old-age pensions from the government, which begin in 1942.

Since the Japanese began the war in China the prices of necessities, such as food and clothing, have risen 80 per cent in Japan.

For the first time in twenty years the death rate from tuberculosis went up last year, due, it is said, to the hard years of the depression.

Poppies made by ex-service men are sold in November in England for the benefit of the ex-soldiers. Last November the sales amounted to \$37,500,000.

Ernest Brown, Minister of Labor in the British government, is the son of a Baptist preacher and has himself been preaching since he was twelve years old.

New Canadian radio regulations ban or restrict the broadcasting of subjects dealing with birth control, venereal diseases, fake news, fortune telling and liquor advertising.—Ex.

During the five years of the pastorate of Dr. W. Norman Cox at Fifth Avenue Church, Huntington, West Virginia, there have been 826 additions to the church and \$146,417.32 given to all objects, of which \$36,040.40 went to missions.

Dr. H. P. Hurt, pastor of Union Ave. Church, Memphis, was the man who made the first motion in Shelby County Association which resulted in the founding of the Baptist Memorial Hospital. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees for 30 years, but was only recently a patient in it.

A near famous man, seeking to reach another rung on the ladder of fame, recently attacked the national anthem, "The Star-spangled Banner." While we have some difficulty in singing that song, somehow it still thrills us to hear other people sing it. We suggest to Mr. John Haynes Holmes, (we believe that is his name), that he try his hand on writing a better national anthem—and then try getting the people to sing it.

The recent National Student Convention was closed with a communion service conducted by a bishop. One of the managers insisted on the duty of all students participating. Our Fr. H. Leavell, Southern Student Secretary, protested to the speaker against this effort to violate the conscientious convictions of Southern Baptist students, and a public apology was made to them. Our people are grateful for a leadership among our young people that is willing to stand for what they believe.

To the members of the Lyon Baptist Church: Because of an abiding conviction that information precedes inspiration and that enlightenment precedes enlistment, our church is sending the Baptist Record into every home in our membership beginning with this week's edition. My expressed prayer and ardent hope is that our church may be a spiritual church, a New Testament lighthouse, whose beams reach from our little town to the ends of the earth, bringing light into darkness and warmth into frigid hearts. We can do this effectively only as we cooperate with other churches engaged in the self-same cause. Your missionary history is my present inspiration and your growth in soul and service my future hope. Believing that this weekly visitor, bringing news from home and abroad, will feed the fires of your mind and heart, we gladly take this forward step as our initial effort of 1938. —Your pastor, Wyatt R. Hunter.

Sparks and Splinters

To the Baptist editors who did not get to the meeting in Memphis: We missed you mightily.

Dr. B. C. Land of Winnfield, La., and his family spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in Mississippi.

Dr. J. H. Winstead is undergoing treatment at the Veterans' Hospital, Legion, Tex. We hope he will soon be as vigorous as ever.

Pastor V. M. Hailey has been one year at Luling, Texas. There have been 152 additions, 47 by baptism. Total offerings \$9,034.55 of which \$1,769.06 went to missions. The church is well organized and ready for the work of the new year.

Dr. J. R. Hobbs, whose resignation was recently announced, was pastor of First Church Birmingham, for 18 years. In that time the membership grew from 500 to 2,800. Dr. Hobbs is a native of Mississippi and an alumnus of Mississippi College.

On the twenty-first day of December Rev. Wm. P. Milne and Miss Martha Josephine Walters were married at the home of the bride's father and mother in Laurel. Mrs. Milne is a recent graduate from Blue Mountain. Mr. Milne is a student at the Louisville Seminary.

Tuskegee Institute records eight people lynched in 1937, the same number as in 1936. All of them were in the hands of the law. Officers prevented 56 lynchings. All those lynched were negroes. There was one in Alabama, three in Florida, one in Georgia, two in Mississippi and one in Tennessee.

What a great opportunity we are having now to study the life of Christ by keeping up closely with the Sunday school lessons in the Gospel of Mark for the next six months. It is a short book, only sixteen chapters. Read it over and over again, going through the whole book at one sitting, and perhaps you will profit as many do by marking such words or passages as stand out in helpfulness to you.

Those who have recently visited the Baptist Hospital in Memphis are amazed at the improvements made and the enlargement in process. Those who have read in the newspapers about the addition being built cannot be impressed as those who have seen it with their eyes and witnessed it through the ears. The sound of the workmen's tools is music to those who remember that this means 100 new rooms for patients, besides offices for doctors, and other necessary adjuncts. This means a twenty-five per cent increase in service rendered and in income received without a corresponding increase in overhead expense. The hospital is now taking care of 15,000 patients a year, about the population of Hattiesburg. Since its founding the hospital has taken care of more than 250,000 patients, or about the present population of Memphis. It is the largest Baptist hospital in the world, and the largest hospital of any kind in the South, except possibly tax supported institutions. The amount of charity work done is equal to the amount of work of all kinds of work in many good hospitals. Preachers and their families, of all denominations, are cared for without charge. Catholics, Jews, and all denominations come here for healing. The new addition now under construction will cost \$550,000. The whole plant is worth \$3,000,000. Of the cost of the addition, \$300,000 is in hand and the balance is borrowed at a bank in Memphis at one per cent interest. This will give an idea of the financial standing of the hospital which has paid off all its old bonds long before they were due. Our Mississippi people have always been deeply interested in the hospital and many have been greatly helped by it. Among the Mississippians active in the work of the hospital have been the Lowreys, A. E. Jennings, Wm. Dockery, H. P. Hurt, I. B. Seale, H. E. Ray, C. G. Bobo, W. M. Garrod, A. L. Emmerman, A. M. Patterson, and J. E. Buchanan. May our Father prolong its ministry.

There are 37,000 Swedish Baptists in the United States, about half as many as there are in Sweden.

Gordon St. Church, Atlanta, of which Dr. T. F. Harvey is pastor, was damaged by fire recently to the extent of \$28,000.

Dr. M. E. Dodd will supply the pulpit of Bilbao Heights Church, Canal Zone, through the month of January. And then on to South America.

Fr. S. Groner, Jr., assistant superintendent of the Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, was recently ordained a deacon by Napoleon Avenue Church.

In Memphis officials say that one-fourth of the homicides were caused by liquor drinking, the largest number listed among all the causes of killings.

One of Hollywoods most notorious has been forbidden to use the NBC broadcasting chain because of her offense against public decency. Now if movie fans will stay away from her productions there is some hope for the return of decency.

German speaking Baptists in Poland in a recent annual conference elected Rev. Robert Drews as president. He is said to have the distinction of being the smallest Baptist preacher in Europe and possibly in the world.

Protestant pastors in Lafayette, La., have a half hour every morning, beginning at 8 a. m. for broadcasting. Each day some one speaks on the Bible reading for that day in connection with the Sunday school lesson. The station is KVOL.

Helmut Simoleit, one of the German vice-presidents of the Baptist World Alliance, has gone as a missionary to the Cameroons in Africa. As Germans cannot send money out of the country, the mission is largely supported by British Baptists.

Mrs. Rosalee Mills Appleby and her son David passed through Mississippi last week on their way to the Florida Baptist Convention; from there back to the mission work in Brazil. Post-office address Bello Horizonte Minas, Ponso Allegre 602, Brazil. They sail from New Orleans March 5.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington dated Jan. 3, says that the annual report of Attorney General Cummings announces that in the past year more people were sent to prison for federal liquor law violations than in any year during the prohibition era. The chief offense then and now was possession and sale of liquor on which the federal tax had not been paid. Just put that alongside of the statement often made by the wets that repeal of the prohibition law would do away with bootlegging and other law violations. Last year 5,390 were sent to prison. The highest during the prohibition era was 5,045 in the year 1932.

Brethren D. Wade Smith and M. E. (Otis) Perry are now employed by the state as an evangelistic team. They are dating meetings for future work. If any church, no matter how large or small, wants to get these men to help them it will be well to date the meeting immediately. They go to Olo, Miss., for a meeting beginning the 12th. Another meeting begins on the 26th with the Ebenezer church in Jeff Davis County. From there they go to Greenville church, on the line between Marion and Lamar. This takes them up through the first week in March. Some four or five other meetings are pending, awaiting a definite date. Rev. Smith can be reached General Delivery, Hattiesburg. Brother Perry is at Route 2, Box 16, Hattiesburg.

The Baptist Bible Institute has such a great place in the hearts of Southern Baptists that they will respond to our need when they know how urgent it is. The \$6,420 interest must be paid February 1. Please pray daily with us and send all possible help to W. W. Hamilton, 1220 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Rev. J. S. Deal of Weir is grateful that his wife is recovering from a serious illness.

Another large Southern Baptist church has a budget of near \$40,000. The Cooperative Program gets less than \$700.00.

To the members of Newton Church: We want you to have the pleasure and profit of a weekly visit of the Baptist Record, so it will come to you all this year. This is part of our program to make the church more helpful. We trust you will read the paper every week. It will bring you information as to all our Baptist work, and put you in touch with our Baptist people around the world. The paper comes to you accompanied by the prayer that its ministry will be a blessing. Your pastor, R. A. Morris.

Maybe it wasn't such a bad thing after all that Peter's faith flickered when he was walking on the water and he began to sink. It might have been worse. If he had gone safely through with what he undertook he might never have stopped talking about it the rest of his life. It is quite possible for even our high spiritual experiences to lead to undue self exaltation. Paul said that it was lest he should be exalted over much by his being lifted into the third heavens, the Lord permitted a thorn in the flesh to torment him. Poor human nature cannot stand too much even of the special favor of God. We need to be careful when we speak of great blessings God has bestowed upon us, lest we be found congratulating ourselves or magnifying ourselves, rather than giving glory to God. We need the reverses and even humiliations as well as the experiences of exaltation. Our greatest victories may even be achieved in defeat.

When Jesus seemed to pay no attention to the appeal of the Syro-Phoenician woman who begged him to heal her daughter the disciples were surprised and couldn't understand it. They even begged him to give her what she wanted and let her go. They thought he didn't care for this alien, but they were not accustomed to see him indifferent to suffering. Do we sometimes wonder why God permits suffering and hardships? Yes, that is one of our major problems. Perhaps he is giving us our chance to show mercy to them and be helpful. He waits for compassion to be awakened in us, and for us to extend a helping hand. He would like to share with us the privilege of doing good, the opportunity to do good to all men. He would have us develop something of the spirit of mercy which characterizes him. We can become like him only if we use our opportunity to do like him. Let us be careful that the frequent sight of suffering and sorrow do not harden us. It is well to take such cases to the Master and ask his help. But it is also probable that he will like to have our help in carrying on his work of mercy.

Southern Baptist editors had a profitable and pleasant two days' meeting last week in Memphis. They were honored as guests of the Baptist Hospital at the invitation of Mr. A. E. Jennings, being furnished rooms that were every way comfortable and meals which made fellowship more delightful. Only about half of the editors were present and our Circulation Manager, Rev. A. L. Goodrich, who is Secretary-Treasurer of the organization. Dr. Taylor of Nashville is President and Dr. Allen of Greenville, S. C., is Vice-President. Quite a number of those who had part on the program were invited guests. Drs. A. U. Boone, R. J. Bateman and D. A. Ellis led devotional exercises. Secretaries Freeman, Leavell and Rogers, and Pastor R. G. Lee and Mr. Geo. Card, of Tennessee, made addresses by request. The paper men did a good deal of talking just among themselves about things which concerned their special work. Representatives were present from Virginia, N. Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas and Oklahoma. These men and their companions in service are endeavoring to give to Southern Baptists the best papers they are able to do. They welcome helpful suggestions from the sidelines, and all who are interested in the coming of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus.

Kingdom News From Many Lands

CHARLES E. MADDY, Executive Secretary

INABELLE C. COLEMAN, Publicity Secretary

FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S DESK

War Carried Into Shantung—

All the work of our North China Mission is confined to Shantung Province. Chefoo and Tsingtao are the largest coast cities and ports of entry for this rich farming and industrial province. At the beginning of the war, we had some fifty-odd missionaries in Shantung. Up until the last of December this area of China had largely escaped the terrible ravages of war. Now the war has been carried into this province and our missionaries at Tsingtao have been evacuated. There is no place of refuge for them except Shanghai. We do not know, but suppose that by this time they have all been brought out by the American Navy.

Distressing Conditions in Shanghai—

The war has swept on from Shanghai but the wreck and ruin left in its wake will not be repaired in a generation. There are more than a million helpless starving refugees congregated in Shanghai and 750,000 of them are gathered into refugee camps. Various agencies and organizations are doing everything possible to relieve the misery and suffering among these helpless people.

Our missionaries are there doing all they can to relieve suffering and to bring the saving and consoling power of the Gospel to this multitude of helpless and broken humanity. One dollar a month will save a Chinese life. We sincerely hope and pray that this appeal will not go unheeded with our people.

The problem of housing our missionaries in Shanghai has become very serious and acute. Most of our homes for missionaries have been destroyed and the problem of rent is giving us serious concern. Dr. M. T. Rankin writes that our bill for rents is three thousand dollars per month. We have been unable thus far even to secure permission from the Japanese conquerors to examine our property and ascertain our losses. When we are allowed to return to our Ming Jang and University Compounds, we will find them in ruins and no funds for rebuilding. The outlook is dark indeed when we look at conditions and consider circumstances, but the Gospel of Christ is independent of conditions and make us masters of circumstances. Letters from every missionary bring the glorious news of wide open doors for the Gospel. Now is the time to press the matter of preaching the Gospel in China as never before. The harvest is ripe for the reapers.

The Commission—

The first issue of our new Foreign Mission Magazine, *The Commission*, came from the press on January the first. The generous and enthusiastic reception given the new magazine by our people has surprised and greatly heartened us. We announced that *The Commission* would be published quarterly for the first year, but the response of our people has been so generous that we are already planning to publish six issues this year instead of four. We now definitely plan to issue *The Commission* monthly next year. We believe now that the income from subscriptions and advertising will be sufficient to finance *The Commission* without resort to our regular budget funds provided for publicity.

We would urge our friends to help us secure subscription lists during January. We have sufficient numbers of the first issue to send to all who wish to subscribe.

The next issue of *The Commission* will come from the press March first.

FROM A CHINA CORRESPONDENT

A. R. Gallimore, a missionary with a nose-for-news sends the following paragraphs from South China. Every line of these calls Southern Baptists to seize this day of opportunity for helping China in the name of Christ. A call for China relief echoes from every incident from Mr. Gallimore's notes:

"In the midst of all the carnage in China during these months it is possible to detect blessings in the midst of suffering. Hardships tend to bring out the best in those who look for the highest good. It is encouraging to see that ten young men from Canton have responded to a request that workers be sent to the front to provide means of Christian recreation, music and other benefits for the soldiers. Among the number are two students of the Graves (Baptist) Theological Seminary in Canton. Let us pray for all of these young men that they may be witnesses of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is said that this is the first time in the history of Canton (and perhaps all China) that civilians have volunteered to go to the front with soldiers. This can be quite readily understood when we realize that of the five classes or divisions of society in China (scholar, farmer, artisan, merchant, soldier) the soldier has stood at the bottom, and never has been considered of any importance."

"One of the fine young doctors of the Leung Kwong Baptist Hospital in Canton, Dr. David Wong, is among the volunteers who has just joined the medical contingent in Shanghai to minister, under the auspices of the Red Cross, to the wounded in and around Shanghai. We must not forget that, though the fact is sometimes lost sight of, it was the old cross of shame upon which Jesus suffered, died and conquered in his resurrection, which has inspired all of these humanitarian efforts during this awful war. No, beloved followers of his, the Lord of glory did not suffer in vain."

"Dr. Leonard B. Greentree, a young physician from America was traveling around the world, but upon reaching Hongkong he was so impressed with the sufferings among the soldiers and civilians in the path of the army of aggression that he left the ship and engaged passage on an airplane and flew to Hankow, there to offer his services as an independent rescue worker. No, friends, chivalry and bravery are not dead. The act of this young American will no doubt be a great inspiration to those in China with whom he comes in contact. The Lord works in mysterious ways his wonders to perform."

"While it is purely a governmental affair the issuance of 'salvation bonds' is an indication of the determination of the Chinese people to carry on against this terrible attack upon their sovereign rights. Let us pray that during this time of stress and strain the millions of China may see the hopelessness of life without salvation in Jesus Christ. So zealous was a young preacher that he asked if the Baptist association with which he was affiliated might invest in these bonds for the protection of his country. Of course this could not be done by Baptists as such since one of their distinctive principles is separation of church and state. But his request is indicative of the zeal of the Chinese."

"The Gospel of Jesus Christ has made progress even in dens and caves of the earth. Many congregations now have dugouts or caves into which the people go to seek refuge from bombs which

are liable to fall upon them at any time. There they worship. The present crisis is taxing the ingenuity of China's populace as nothing else has. May many who seek refuge with Christians find sure retreat under the shadow of his saving presence and come to know him as Lord and Master."

"The exodus from the great cities and centers which has taken place will be the means of the spread of the Gospel in a new way. Many fleeing from death rush into a refugee camp where a Southern Baptist missionary is telling of God's love and for the first time they hear of Jehovah, God. The witness of these who go back to their villages should mean the coming of many into his Kingdom. Christians, pray for your brothers and sisters in the Lord in China that they may be faithful witnesses and never be ashamed of their Saviour."

"Of the cities of South China in which our Foreign Mission Board has work, Canton, Shiu Chow, and Waichow have been targets for the aggressors from the air, though there has been little damage to mission property or loss of life among the Christians, for which all should be most grateful. But hundreds have had to flee from their homes, and are refugees now. All are in great need of financial help."

"One of the sad spectacles of the present upheaval in China is the remnant of refugees in Hongkong. Thousands who left the doomed city of Shanghai in August have returned, but there are several hundred who are now the wards of charity in Hongkong. Penniless they are and their homes and livelihood in Shanghai have been completely destroyed. These men and women and children of various nationalities are left behind because they have nothing with which to get away. They must have our help or they shall starve."

"In the midst of air raids and alarms the Leung Kwong Baptist Association held its fifty-second annual session in Canton from December 2-5, with an encouraging attendance. It was postponed from the regularly appointed time in October on account of the heavy bombardments of Canton at the time. It is redolent of the spirit the Chinese people are showing in this crucial period that the meetings have been held at all. The time was shortened quite a bit in order to be sure to finish, not knowing when the association might be brought to a sudden end by a serious attack, as it was constantly interrupted by alarms of what proved to be only minor air raids. Two air raids were made on the Sunday during which the meetings were in session. Quite a number of missionaries attended, which was a source of encouragement to the faithful Christians in South China."

"A stoker was killed and a railway official seriously injured this morning when Japanese planes carried out further raids along the Kowloon-Canton Railway between Shekka and Tongtauha. The raiders scored one direct hit on the Sheklung-Kowloon train, wrecking one passenger coach and two freight cars. Fortunately the passengers had sought safety in the field. After bombing the train the Japanese airmen opened fire with machine guns on the passengers and officials."

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Brother Jeff. A. Rogers at Amory is confined to his room now most of the time, but preserves his hopeful, cheerful outlook.

EDITORIALS

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This may be a good time to call attention to the work of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Society recently reorganized by a large group of interested people attending the 1937 meeting of the State Convention at Philadelphia. Many years ago a number of people interested in preserving Mississippi Baptist history labored to develop the historic sense in our people; to preserve all available records. Among these were Capt. J. T. Buck of Jackson, Capt. W. T. Ratliff of Raymond, Mrs. Adelia Hillman of Clinton, Rev. L. S. Foster of Jackson, Rev. Z. T. Leavell, and Rev. J. T. Bailey of Jackson. These were by no means all, but their names occur to us now. Drs. Foster, Leavell and a few others wrote something of this history which is of incalculable value.

For a time the work of this society slackened, but there has been a wholesome revival of interest in our history and this found some avenue of expression in a committee annually appointed by the State Convention. Rev. J. L. Boyd has made a worthy effort to collect historical material and has himself written a history which marks an epoch in this kind of work. The interest of our people was quickened by the celebration last year at Natchez of the hundredth anniversary of our Convention. This served to stimulate interest and helped in the assembling of valuable records. The knowledge of what has been done will greatly inspire our people to Christian effort and give us a keener sense of the value of the truths and principles for which we stand, and of which we are trustees.

It is the earnest desire of the newly organized Historical Society to render service to the cause by preserving all that is valuable in the records of our past. To do this two things at least are necessary. First, it is desirable that as many of our people shall be members of the society as possible. A good number went into the organization at Philadelphia in November. But the door is open to all Mississippi Baptists. The conditions of membership are very simple: just send your name to be enrolled to Rev. J. L. Boyd, pastor Forty-first Avenue Church, Meridian, and include an annual membership fee of one dollar. Brother Boyd is secretary-treasurer of the Society.

The other thing needed and exceedingly important is that all documents of historic interest and value shall be collected together in the safest place possible for permanent preservation, and for use of those who wish to study the original sources of our history. A good deal of this has been done, but this is a mere beginning. Such documents as have been received have been assembled in a special apartment in Mississippi College Library. The College Librarian has agreed to supervise the use of these and protect them against abuse. Here are minutes of some of our oldest churches, minutes of the associations, bound copies of the Baptist Record and copies of some papers antedating the Record, books of historic value, personal reminiscences in manuscript, etc., etc.

It is greatly desired that all who have such documents send them for permanent keeping and use to Bro. Boyd. Some that would have been of great value have been destroyed or lost because they were not sent. Others are in danger of being lost. Won't our friends help us to place these where they can be of greatest and most permanent use?

Harvard University's endowment is \$141,941,666. Next in order come: Yale with an endowment of \$100,300,000; Columbia, \$70,000,000; University of Chicago, \$67,200,000; University of Rochester, \$58,008,103; University of Texas, \$33,642,546; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, \$33,000,000; Stanford, \$30,880,311; Cornell, \$30,311,743, and Princeton, \$26,929,810.

SAVOR OF LIFE OR OF DEATH

We may better understand how the gospel is either a savor of life or a savor of death to those to whom it is preached, if we remember that other things may also fulfill this double role. What was meant to be for the good of men, meant to preserve life, or a means of making life possible, may by carelessness or evil intent become an instrument of death.

The scientific world today takes just pride in the development of many branches of investigation by which life is not only made more tolerable and comfortable, but prolonged in years and enlarged in its scope and interests and spheres of expression. We marvel at the development of medical and surgical science in the past twenty-five and fifty years. Lives have been saved, pain relieved, health restored, handicaps removed, and men and women sent on their way to lives of usefulness and joy, by service rendered them in hospitals. Hygienic conditions have been improved, epidemics checked, the death rate lowered, throughout our land. What a boon has come to humanity.

But on the other hand, what an output of the weapons of destruction from the same sources which brought life. The art of the chemist has produced the instruments of death. The mathematician's skill has been employed to devise more deadly weapons, and more accurate aim in killing. The same agencies for making life fuller are employed to blow out the candle of life. The same machine which a man operates to make a livelihood may seize him and rend him in a moment.

Paul says that the gospel which he preached was the savor of life or the savor of death. And it is today. That which was intended as a means to everlasting life may be turned into eternal condemnation. This is the judgment that light is come into the world and men preferred darkness rather than light. A careless handling of fire may turn that which was meant to warm our bodies and cook our food into an instrument of destruction. A careless attitude toward the word of God turns healing medicine into deadly poison. Take heed how ye hear.

Brother Bryan Simmons has a very sick grandchild in the Baptist Hospital in Jackson, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Robins.

Mrs. Robinson of Magee, mother of our Young People's secretary, Miss Edwina Robinson, is seriously ill after an operation in the Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

Dr. H. M. King, pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson, is sufficiently recovered to conduct the mid-week prayer service. It is expected that he will be regularly in his pulpit.

According to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company the average length of life in America today is fourteen years more than it was twenty-six years ago. The saving is said to be at the beginning and not the closing end.

The Watchman Examiner says: "Now comes the alarming news that there is three hundred per cent more drunkenness than under prohibition, and that 54 per cent of the divorces are due to liquor."

Brother D. H. Reed of Hattiesburg reads the "Let's Go" column. He encloses a check for \$1.50 in response to the article, "Let's Share." The article appeared in the issue of January 6. There are others who could share. Why not?

A lie can be so often repeated until many people accept it as the truth. That one about "prohibition does not prohibit," is answered by the statement of the Brewers' Journal in 1933 that not one-tenth of one per cent of the youth in America know the taste of beer.

Somebody supposed to be an official and interested in trees listed the most important in this order: date palm, coconut palm, almond, apple, fig, mulberry, olive, lemon, cinchona, and rubber. Any average Mississippian would certainly have included the pine and oak and pecan. There are some others more important in this part of the world than those named in the list.

It is said that six out of ten American girls attend church regularly.

The Federal Council of Churches proposes a preaching mission among the colleges in January. May we venture to suggest that the preachers be selected from those with an evangelistic passion and not bother with the scientific approach.

Mr. Andrew Allen, who has been secretary of the state Sunday school work in Tennessee, resigns to become head of the Elementary Department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

E. L. Rhodes of Boston left a will providing that when his estate reaches \$100,000,000 in value, the income from it shall be used to support Gordon College and the New England Hospital, four-fifths to the first and one-fifth to the second.

Liberty Baptist Church: We feel that our church has made a progressive step in sending our Baptist paper to each family. This paper will visit you each week, and we request that you read it for information about our work, and for inspiration to enable you to be a better Christian. May God bless you and prosper you in 1938.—Your pastor, C. W. Thompson.

Bunker Hill Baptist Church: Bunker Hill Church on January 2, 1938, voted to place the Baptist Record in each home in the church. We did so because we appreciate each family and feel a deep concern for the spiritual development of each member of our church. We believe an informed member will make a better member of our church. You are simply asked to read each copy of the Record coming in your home. This would be a good New Year's resolution. It will prove a great spiritual blessing to your home and our church. May we take this opportunity of wishing you a happy New Year.—H. D. Jordan.

To the members of Lorena Baptist Church: Your church has joined the increasing list of churches sending the Record to every family or to all the officers and teachers of the Sunday school. We offer our congratulations and feel certain that the reading of the Baptist Record will help in your spiritual life. It is a paper that will appeal to every member of the family. After reading it a while, it will be like the weekly visit of an old friend. Won't you do two things: First, read the paper each week. It will do you good and be a good example. Second, see that the others in your family have an opportunity to do likewise.

People who are advocating a uniform federal divorce law had better think this thing through before finally committing themselves to it. A federal law is not apt to safeguard the home as well as some of the state laws. It is probable that a federal law would make divorce easier than it is made by some of the states. In South Carolina no divorce is possible under a state law. In Arkansas almost any rascalion, male or female, may get a divorce. South Carolinians would not fancy a federal law fashioned after that of Arkansas or Nevada. We had better know which way we are going before we start on this business.

To the members of the First Baptist Church of Canton: With this issue our church joins the "Every Family Plan" that our splendid circulation manager has been advocating for some time. The expense is cared for by our church. As you recall there was an item in the budget you adopted, for the Baptist Record, just as there was an item for B. T. U., and Sunday school literature. This plan will commend itself to you as the weeks come and go. As you read you will become a better informed Baptist, and thereby more interested and more loyal to your church and the kingdom program it attempts to promote. Should there be any irregularity in regard to the paper coming to you, please notify Mr. W. E. Tucker, chairman of the literature committee. You need no introduction to the writer of the Sunday school lessons. Read them and profit thereby. You now join me in sending him greetings.—Sincerely your pastor, C. Z. Holland.

Convention Board Department

R. B. GUNTER, Cor. Sec'y.

REFUNDING BONDS

The refunding bonds authorized by the last session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention have just come from the printer. Everything should be ready for exchanging them by the 15th of this month. Our most difficult problem thus far has been to get the present bondholders to accept late maturities. All seem to want early maturities. Of course, this will be impossible since the present schedule calls for only \$125,000.00 worth of bonds to mature during the first ten years. The remainder fall within the next ten years. But if the interest is kept up along with the principal, those desiring to sell their bonds should be able to sell them at par.

EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCES

The State Board in its recent session authorized an Evangelistic Conference to be held next summer. Dr. D. M. Nelson, president of Mississippi College, has generously offered to furnish sleeping quarters free of charge to all preachers who will attend and a charge of only twenty-five cents per meal during the conference. It will be held some time after the first week in June. A definite statement will be made later. If every active pastor in the state would attend this conference, it would mean much towards the success of our evangelistic work during the remainder of the year.

A GENEROUS GIVER

Brother T. T. Gooch of Oakland, Mississippi, has been clerk of Yalobusha County Association for many years. Many times he has received first prize from the Sunday School Board for preparing the best associational minutes. He has received the \$25.00 again for last year's minutes and, as usual, has contributed the amount to denominational work. The Sunday School Board's bestowal is a worthy one, and brother Gooch's disposition of it is most commendable.

EVANGELISTIC WORK

Brethren Smith and Perry have accepted work with the State Convention Board for this year. They closed January 9th a very successful meeting with Hickory Grove church near Sumrall. They are having many invitations and their time has been filled until the middle of March. These brethren make a good team. They are doing a constructive work.

The Executive Committee, by authority of the State Board, expects to employ another evangelist a little later in the season, brother Bryan Simmons having resigned to become field representative for the Baptist Orphanage building campaign.

THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB

The Five Thousand Club is the salvation of the Mississippi Baptist Convention as pertains to the Convention's indebtedness. It is, therefore, important that every member shall continue his payments promptly. Regular contributions from the present membership and the percentage for Christian education from the Cooperative Program will enable the Convention to meet every obligation for this year. This will mean the payment of the interest on the indebtedness and all the principal which will come due this year. It will also encourage the present bondholders to accept refunding bonds for the bonds which they now hold. Some day the Mississippi Baptist Convention will quit making debts, and there is a determined effort on the part of many to see that the denomination gets out of debt. It is, therefore, important that every agency of the Convention shall adhere strictly to the Convention shall be permitted to create a deficit."

The question has been raised several times as to the authority for stating that the Mississippi Baptist Convention would make no more debts. Those statements were based upon former action of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The Convention's action was as follows:

"Any institution, or agency, of the Convention carrying indebtedness shall first of all set aside not less than ten per cent of last year's net receipts to be applied to the reduction of the indebtedness;

"That the budget shall not exceed receipts of the preceding year after ten per cent reduction;

"That each and all institutions, boards and agencies of this Convention be required to operate within the budget submitted to this Convention and approved by same;

"And should any institution, board, or agency, exceed in expenditures the budget authorized by the Convention, the excess automatically becomes the obligation of the Board charged with the administration of the affairs of such institution, board, or agency, so involved and not the obligation of the State Convention, or any of its agencies, or institutions, as such."

The above is taken from the 1931 Convention annual and from page 112.

The next year the Convention in session in Gulfport reemphasized the above recommendations and added:

"The State Board shall have authority to permit any institution to spend more than its budget allows in the event such agency shall raise more money than allowed in its budget, but no institution shall be permitted to create a deficit."

The Convention Board was also charged with the responsibility of seeing that these provisions were carried out. The Board reviewed the budgets and called the attention of the various agencies and institutions to the Convention's requirements and urged that they operate within their budgets.

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The teaching of Jesus makes it clear that Christians are not to be content with conforming to the moral standards of the world around them, whether those standards are merely the expression of public opinion, or embodied in civil law, or even in the Mosaic law. He said, "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees ye shall in no wise enter the kingdom of God." He also said, "Ye have heard it said . . . but I say unto you, etc.," thus putting the Christian standard above the Mosaic standards. And Paul says, "Be not conformed to this age, but be ye transformed." In the matter of divorce his teaching is very exacting. His standard was so high that the disciples said, "If that is so, a man had better not get married." And Jesus said, "This standard is given to those for whom it is intended." The meaning apparently is that he is not intending to legislate on this question for the people of the world. But he is telling his disciples how they are to conduct themselves. Whatsoever the law of this state or that state, or of the federal government, the Christian is to have no standard lower than that given us by the Lord Jesus. And churches and preachers will do well to conform to His standard.

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Many Baptist churches have placed a 3% provision—that is 3% of the monthly salaries of their pastors in their annual budgets in order that they might join with them in providing against old age or disability dependency through the AGE SECURITY PLAN OF THE RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION. Do you want to investigate this matter? Do you want your church to do the Christian thing by its pastor? Do you want free literature concerning it? Will you think and pray about it and bring it to the attention of your budget committee or deacons? Write Thomas J. Watts, Executive Secretary, 2002 Tower Petroleum Building, Dallas, Texas.

LET'S GO

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager
"Ask the People and They'll Subscribe"



GOING PLACES

And who wouldn't smile? Our circulation last week was 12,600. Much of the recent increase was due to the fact that the following churches last week began sending the Record to EVERY FAMILY:

Inverness, Crowder, Progress (pike County), Newton, Canton, Walnut Grove, Pascagoula, Liberty, Utica, Leland, and Oxford, (1/2).

Today EVERY FAMILY lists from Lyon, Rosedale, Pope, and Lorena have been received and others are on the way.

Over 200 churches are now in the honor roll. That many just can't be wrong.

Come on in, the water is fine.

OKOLONA

It took us all night to get to Okolona but fellowship with the Pattersons is worth the trip.

Though there only four months, we learned that 29 have been added to the church; a general B. T. U. organized; several organizations added to the W. M. U.; W. M. U. 5,000 Club memberships increased; the budget increased; the Cooperative Program made a preferred item of the budget and paid regularly; all bills paid to date.

As ever, we enjoyed the hospitality of Pastor and Mrs. Patterson but most of our attention centered on that shining holloware silver, a gift of the Calhoun City Saints in remembrance of their seven years' faithful service there.

Chickasaw County subscriptions are listed as follows: Woodland 2; Okolona 11; Houlka 5; Houston 8.

The Okolona folks were most gracious and they expect to have more than half their people taking the Record within a few days.

CALHOUN CITY

The new pastor at Calhoun City is Rev. J. W. T. Siler, formerly of Merigold. Those who know him will not be surprised that he is getting a fine start at Calhoun City.

A successful every member canvass has just been completed; the crowds are attending; the organizations functioning and the Silers delighted about the nice lounging chair and occasional chair the Calhoun City folks gave them Christmas.

Calhoun County subscribers are listed as follows: Big Creek 3; Bruce 4; CALHOUN CITY 65; Sarepta 6; Slate Springs 14; Pittsboro 15; Vardaman 11; Derma 9.

WHO'LL HELP?

A long-time reader of the Record, over 85 years old, is unable to renew. Won't someone send us the money so we can send the Record to him?

BUNKER HILL

Bunker Hill is one of the few full-time country churches of Mississippi.

Their pastor, Rev. H. D. Jordan, lives "right" (Continued on page 8)

ATLANTA BAPTISTS PREPARE FOR SIXTH CONGRESS OF THE WORLD ALLIANCE

By Louie D. Newton
General Chairman

Atlanta is unitedly and enthusiastically making preparation for the meeting of the Sixth Congress of the Baptist World Alliance in this city in July, 1939. And I am very happy to emphasize the fact that not only the Baptists of Atlanta, white and colored, but all of our people are united in this joyful task. The pastors and the laymen of all the churches, the civic organizations, the municipal, county and state leadership, the business and professional groups, the hotels, railroads, steamship lines, air lines, highway officials, convention and travel bureaus, newspapers, radio stations, the women's clubs, and many other organizations and groups are working in beautiful cooperation to extend hearty and adequate hospitality to the throngs of friends from many lands who will journey to Atlanta in 1939.

Atlanta's invitation was extended in the form of a book, beautifully bound in black leather, bearing personal letters from President Roosevelt, United States Senators George and Russell of Georgia, the Governor of Georgia, the members of the House of Representatives from Georgia in the national Congress, the President of the Georgia State Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, numerous State House officials, the Mayor and Council of Atlanta, the Commissioners of Fulton County, the Presidents of the Senior and Junior Chambers of Commerce, the Presidents of all the Civic Clubs, the Atlanta Clearing House Association, the Atlanta Christian Council, the Atlanta Evangelical Ministers Association, the President of the Southern Baptist Convention, the President of the Georgia Baptist Convention, white and colored, the Atlanta Baptist Ministers' Association, white and colored, the Atlanta Baptist Association of Churches, and many individuals. I believe there were eighty-six letters of invitation in all, representing every group of our common life, city, state and national.

When the Fifth Congress of the Alliance, in session in Berlin in August, 1934, voted unanimously to accept Atlanta's invitation, I cabled the words, "Atlanta's Invitation Accepted," to the Mayor of Atlanta, and he sent me immediately this cable, "Atlanta Grateful—Will Do Our Very Best." And I think the Mayor expressed the attitude of Atlanta then and of Atlanta now and of Atlanta in 1939. I have never seen this splendid city so heartily and enthusiastically and harmoniously united in any effort as has marked our every step of preparation for the coming of the Baptist World Alliance.

Strong Committees at Work

Immediately upon our return from Berlin, those of us who had the privilege of attending the Fifth Congress set to work to lay our plans for 1939. Dr. J. M. Nabrit, pastor of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, colored, and president of the National Baptist Theological Seminary, and secretary of the National Baptist Convention, sat on the platform with me in Berlin and joined in extending Atlanta's invitation. This happy union of the white and colored Baptists of Atlanta in extending the invitation has continued in our plans for entertaining the Alliance.

The Atlanta Baptist Union of Ministers, colored, through its president, Dr. C. Nathaniel Ellis, has appointed the following committee to represent that body: Dr. Ellis, pastor of the Reed Street Baptist Church; Dr. D. D. Crawford, executive secretary of the Georgia Baptist Convention, colored; Dr. E. R. Carter, pastor for forty-six years of the Friendship Baptist Church; Dr. J. R. Barnett, pastor of the Butler Street Baptist Church; Dr. A. G. Davis, pastor of Beulah Baptist Church; Dr. T. H. George, pastor of Antioch North Baptist Church; Dr. C. D. Hubert, dean of the School of Religion of Atlanta University and pastor of Providence Baptist Church; the Rev. G. W. Jordan, pastor of Second Mt. Olive Baptist Church; the Rev. M. L. King, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, and

the Rev. William Holmes Borders, pastor of Wheat Street Baptist Church.

The Atlanta Baptist Ministers Association, white, has appointed the following committee to represent that body: the Rev. Ellis A. Fuller, pastor of the First Baptist Church; the Rev. Ryland Knight, pastor of the Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church; the Rev. W. H. Major, pastor of the Capitol Avenue Baptist Church; the Rev. W. H. Knight, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church (resigned); the Rev. W. A. Duncan, pastor of the East Point Baptist Church; the Rev. W. H. Faust, Secretary of Evangelism; the Rev. W. Lee Cutts, pastor of the Capitol View Baptist Church, and the writer.

The above committees, representing the white and colored ministers of Atlanta, are working together in constant study of all the plans for the entertainment of the Congress to be held here in 1939. At a joint meeting of the committees a few days ago, we went carefully over all the details of transportation, housing, auditorium facilities, etc., and at the conclusion of the meeting, Dr. E. R. Carter, honored dean of all the pastors of Atlanta, said:

"Brethren, I have known the Baptist World Alliance from its inception. I was at the first Congress in London in 1905, at the second Congress in Philadelphia in 1911, at the third Congress in Stockholm in 1923. My strength would not permit me to attend the Congresses in Toronto and Berlin. I have always hoped I would live to see the Alliance meet here in Atlanta where I have served as pastor of Friendship Church for fifty-six years, and now my heart is unspeakably happy that our brethren from all over the world are coming to this center of Baptist population, and that we of the Negro race will have the privilege of joining with our white brethren in extending hospitality to our friends from every part of the world. I hope the good Lord will spare me to live until that happy day when they come. It is going to be the greatest blessing to our people, white and colored, we have ever experienced."

State Convention Committees

In addition to the committees representing the Atlanta Baptist ministers, white and colored, the two state conventions of Baptists have appointed strong committees to work with our local Atlanta committees in making preparation for the Alliance:

The Baptist Convention of Georgia, colored, has named the following committee: Dr. D. D. Crawford, Atlanta; Dr. L. A. Pinkston, Augusta; Dr. E. R. Carter, Atlanta; Dr. William G. Bivens, Atlanta; Dr. W. A. Reid, Columbus; Dr. C. Nathaniel Ellis, Atlanta; Dr. W. H. Perry, LaGrange; Dr. J. H. Evans, Macon; Dr. W. L. Hughes, Dublin; Dr. C. D. Hubert, Atlanta; Dr. R. C. Calhoun, Augusta; Dr. S. S. Broadnax, Thomasville; Dr. R. W. Riley, Rome; Dr. J. L. Lomax, Valdosta; Dr. L. M. Terrill, Savannah; Dr. N. M. Clark, Savannah; Dr. F. N. Marshman, Macon, and Dr. J. M. Nabrit, Atlanta.

The Georgia Baptist Convention, white, has named the following committee: Dr. Aquila Chamlee, Forsyth; Dr. B. D. Ragsdale, Macon; Dr. J. E. Sammons, Macon; Dr. J. W. Merritt, Atlanta; Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro; Dr. Arthur Jackson, Savannah; Mr. Grady Lee, Atlanta; Dr. Spright Dowell, Macon; Dr. Paul Cousins, Rome; Governor E. D. Rivers, Atlanta; Mr. Columbus Roberts, Atlanta; Dr. M. D. Collins, Atlanta; Mr. John B. Wilson, Atlanta; Senator Walter F. George, Vienna; Judge Bascom Deaver, Macon; Judge Warren Grice, Atlanta; Judge Frank Jenkins, Atlanta; Judge John B. Guerry, Atlanta; Mayor William B. Hartsfield, Atlanta; Mayor Pro Tem I. G. Hailey, Atlanta; Dr. S. B. Sanford, Athens; Dr. H. W. Caldwell, Athens; Dr. M. L. Brittain, Atlanta; Mr. Abit Nix, Atlanta; Mr. Cason Callaway, LaGrange; Mr. H. H. Hardin, Forsyth; Mr. John Cheatham, Griffin; Mr. D. S. Wagon, Macon; Mr. B. L. Bugg, Atlanta; Mrs. A. B. Conger, Bainbridge; Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Atlanta; Mr. Wiley L. Moore, Atlanta; Dr. W. A. Hogan, Lincolnton; Mr. J. W.

Lott, Americus; Judge B. H. Hardy, Barnesville; Mr. Bryan Blackburn, Newnan; Mr. Lewis Jones, Canton; Dr. E. C. Sheridan, Augusta; Dr. R. D. Hodges, Hartwell; Mr. Otis Duke, Valdosta; Mr. Milton Fleetwood, Cartersville; Dr. T. F. Callaway, Thomasville; Dr. O. P. Gilbert, Atlanta; Mr. A. H. Harvey, Thomaston; Mr. Morton Hodgson, Athens; Miss Mary Christian, Atlanta; Mrs. Ben S. Thompson, Madison; Mr. Edwin S. Preston, Atlanta; Miss Erva Blackstock, Atlanta; Dr. T. W. Tippet, Atlanta; Dr. W. H. Faust, Atlanta; Dr. D. B. Nicholson, Athens, and the writer.

Laymen Taking Active Part

It will be of particular interest to our Baptist friends generally to know that our central committee in Atlanta is composed of one hundred prominent men and women, the great majority of which are laymen. Atlanta's leading business and professional men have accepted appointment on this important committee, and are actively at work in particular fields of preparation for the Alliance.

Mr. Wiley L. Moore is chairman of the committee on auditorium. Mr. Moore is working in close cooperation with Mayor Hartsfield and other Atlanta leaders in plans which will provide the use of the enlarged and modernized municipal auditorium, which will seat seven thousand people, with ample space for exhibits. The new auditorium will be completed by April 1, 1938. It is airconditioned and is one of the most beautiful auditoriums in the South. In addition to this auditorium, the committee is working on a plan to provide a temporary meeting place for all mass meetings of the Alliance with seating capacity of fifty thousand people. In this spacious meeting place will likely be staged a great pageant, tracing the history of the Baptist movement through the centuries.

Colonel B. L. Bugg is chairman of the housing committee, and he is working out far-reaching plans by which Atlanta's hotel facilities of fifteen thousand guests, and the apartment house and college dormitories and private home facilities will take care of twenty-five thousand guests will be made available for our visitors in 1939. The manifest cooperation of our people, white and colored, in making available all hotel, apartment hotel, dormitory, and private home facilities of the community is one of the most beautiful tokens of interest any of us have ever seen.

Mr. Walter Ward is chairman of the committee on transportation. Mr. Ward is an experienced steamship man, having arranged transportation for American groups to the Congresses in Stockholm, Toronto and Berlin. He has the full cooperation of all steamship lines entering the United States, all railway lines, air lines, and the travel agencies handling world tours. We are delighted with the progress already made by the committee on transportation.

Other committees will be named from time to time to handle the details of preparation. Dr. Rushbrooke will come to Atlanta for extended conferences with all committees this spring. I am in constant correspondence with Dr. Rushbrooke and Dr. Truett, submitting our plans to them for approval in every instance, and we are happy to report that they have heartily endorsed all plans thus far made. Very likely Dr. Rushbrooke will make tentative announcement of the program for the Atlanta Congress in connection with his visit to America this spring.

Meanwhile, we wish to express appreciation to everyone who has expressed interest in the 1939 Congress, asking your continued prayers that it may be the greatest session yet held of the Alliance, to the glory of God.

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"At Kashing, on November 15, sixty babies and two Chinese sisters were killed during a Japanese air attack on the Catholic orphanage there, according to priests who have just arrived in Shanghai. Horrible scenes are also reported from Lishui, which was ruthlessly bombed by Japanese planes on November 29."

WORLD STRENGTH OF BAPTISTS AT OPENING OF 1938

By the Rev. J. H. Rushbrooke, M.A., D.D.
General Secretary, Baptist World Alliance

The statistics published by the Baptist World Alliance on New Year's day present the following totals:

	Members of Churches	Sunday Scholars
Europe (excluding Russia)	676,654	550,531
Asia	462,197	203,035
Africa	110,763	41,909
America:		
North	10,414,363	6,937,859
Central and West Indies	64,372	51,629
South	57,801	61,114
Australia and New Zealand	40,354	48,186
Total (without Russia)	11,826,504	7,894,263

On these figures I offer the following comments:

(1) **Church membership.** The membership reported is 11,826,504, an increase of 171,623 upon last year's total. As usual, no account is taken of Russia, from which reports cannot be received. It is safe to assume that some hundreds of thousands would be added to the total if Russian statistics were available.

(2) **Membership in various continents.**

There are no changes of importance in Europe except in Great Britain, where this year's total is 4,000 down, and in Sweden, where a regrettable—it is to be hoped only a temporary—recession reduces the membership by slightly over 4,000. The smaller fluctuations in other lands show a balance of gain, there most encouraging feature being an increase of over ten per cent in Yugoslavia. The net loss in Europe is 6,737.

The figures for Asia are more encouraging. There is a net advance of 14,001. The Burma Convention has grown by nearly 4,000. In India almost every mission of every society records some increase—an encouraging fact in view of the political situation. In the Philippine Islands advance is substantial, and in China an increase of about 5,850 is shared in various proportions by all the missionary bodies. Japan reports a slight decrease.

In Africa the statistical tables show a net loss of 136. This is explained by a rectification of figures in a single field (Nigeria). Against this, most welcome advances appear. The three largest societies reporting from the Congo show each an increased membership of over ten per cent and the proportionate increase in the Dominion of South Africa is almost as great. The Cameroons Mission of the German Baptists has added more than a third during the year.

In North America, there is enlargement of membership in Canada and in each of the three great Conventions of the United States. The Southern Baptist gain is the most considerable in the world.

Central America and the West Indies have gone down by 5,436. The loss is entirely due to the set-back in Jamaica, which is 6,220 down. Controversies which have lately reached a welcome close explain the loss, and recovery may now be expected. There are substantial increases in Trinidad and Haiti.

The statistics from South America show a normal but not startling advance. The highest proportionate increase is in the small mission field (Canadian) in Bolivia.

Normal fluctuations characterize the statistics of Australia and New Zealand, and the totals reveal small losses.

(3) **Sunday scholars.** This year the figures again justify anxiety. On the whole they show a loss of 83,115.

Only two continents show increases—Asia (10,877) and South America (6,966). Africa, but for a correction of the Nigerian figures, which are reduced by over 4,000, would also have shown a slight increase. The North American reduction is largest—some 8,500 in Canada, and nearly

80,000 in the Northern Baptist Convention, offset to some extent by a rise of approximately 16,000 in the Southern Baptist Convention. The most significant losses, however, are those in Europe—nearly 2,000 in Germany (where church membership has risen), about 4,300 in Sweden (for the reason mentioned in the foregoing paragraph), and over 16,000 in Great Britain and Ireland. Europe as a whole is down by 23,202. The growth in South America, chiefly in Brazil, is gratifying. In Asia gains in India explain the advance, though the proportionate growth in Ceylon and Palestine-Syria is still higher; Burma, China and Japan report reduced totals.

The loss of scholars especially in the larger and older communities is of sinister significance and arouses concern for the future. Making full allowance for other factors, I am constrained to repeat my comment of last year that the problem of the shrinking Sunday school is in large measure spiritual.

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SANTA CLAUS AND JESUS CHRIST By J. E. Dillard

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This morning's paper (December 23, 1937), gives an estimate from those who are presumed to know, that the American people are spending five billion dollars on Christmas gifts this year. This is an average of \$38.46 for every man, woman and child in the nation. The same paper shows that the largest percentage increase in Christmas spending this year is in the South.

We may assume that Southern Baptists spend about as much each for Christmas gifts as do other people; the records for last year show that we averaged \$5.40 for local church work and \$1.11 for missions and benevolences, or a total of \$6.51.

In other words: Southern Baptists gave Santa Claus more than a tithe of their income, and gave Jesus Christ less than a fifth of a tithe. Is it right to spend five times as much in Christmas gifts as we give to all the causes fostered by Christ and his church? Is it right to spend thirty-five times as much in one month for Christmas presents as we contribute to missions and benevolences in a whole year? Think it over. How was it in your church? How was it in your home?

The special call of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club at this time ought to appeal to those of us who want to deal fairly with our Lord.

There ought to be many hundreds of our people who will gladly give several dollars a month, and there ought to be a hundred thousand who will give at least one dollar a month to help our denomination get out of debt.

Perhaps we can find them if we try. Will you help?

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On Dec. 31 the Daily Clarion Ledger of Jackson celebrated its one hundredth year of journalistic history. During this period it has stood at the front among Mississippi papers, and has worthily represented the high standards of Southern journalism. It has not only recorded the history of these hundred years, but has helped in shaping the opinions of three generations. It has had great editors, some of whom we have been pleased to call our friends. Among these last is Mr. T. M. Hederman the present editor. He is a deacon in the First Baptist Church and an outstanding citizen of the state. He and his brother, R. M. Hederman, have for many years been owners and publishers of the paper and have helped to maintain a worthy standard for the publishing fraternity. Under their administration the paper is better than ever before. They have gathered about them a staff of most competent assistants. Their sons are worthy of the paternal example. And Mr. Purser Hewitt, the city editor, is one of the most promising newspaper men of our acquaintance. We congratulate the Clarion Ledger on its achievements and predict for those who make it a still more useful career in their field.

GLORY FOR THE CROSS BEARER

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Yonder in a distant land,
I hear the groans and cries
Of poor natives wounded by the scores
From airplane's destructive bomb.

My! The agony they suffer;
Only our God in heaven knows.
Their cries go up to meet him—
A moment—their souls to eternity.

Oh, where will that eternity be,
God is the judge of all.
I believe if they knew the Savior
They'll rest in the Golden Wall.

A month ago, I heard the praying
In a chapel on a hill,
Of a missionary and his followers
Seeking to know God's will.

Out of the vine-clad chapel he came
With a smile upon his face.
He heard an exploding bomb;
He saw flames enveloping the place.
As he lay breathing his last breathe,

A voice from Heaven cried
"Don't worry, my son, your work is done;
You'll rest on a brighter side."

His cross he exchanged for a golden crown;
His place he left to be filled.
Why can't we forsake earthly pleasures
And seek to know God's will?

—Louise Jones

Inverness, Miss.

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HOW A REAL REVIVAL BEGAN

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"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight."—I John 3:22.

An American clergyman said that for many years he had pleaded with God for a revival, but no revival came. Finally, in despair, gathered his church around him, and rolled the burden of his anxiety upon his people, saying, "I have done all I could; it is now for you to consider your attitude toward God." Then there rose up in the church meeting a gray-haired elder, much respected. He said, "Pastor, I do not wonder that there is no revival in this church and there never will be one as long as brother Jones and I don't speak to each other"; and before all the people the old man went down the aisle to where this brother sat, and said, "Brother Jones, forgive me, for ten years we have not spoken. Let us bury the hatchet." They made peace and he came back to his seat, and bowed his gray head between his hands. There was a great silence on the people, and another officer of the church rose and said, "Pastor, I do not think there is going to be a revival in this church as long as I say fair things to your face and mean things behind your back. Forgive me!"

The pastor forgave him and for the next 20 minutes in the awful silence of the place, men, and women, rose and went to square old accounts with those whom they were at feud. And then the Spirit of God came down upon them like a mighty rushing wind.—Exchange.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS AND TEACHERS

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Several people seem to have misunderstood the offer which we make on the yellow blank sent out with the Sunday School Board's literature blanks.

The offer is good when ALL officers and teachers of the Sunday school are included. Of course, where more than one person from a family is an officer or teacher, one copy is enough.

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THE PLAN OF AN ASSOCIATIONAL CHAIRMAN

Dear Literature Chairman:

We missed you at the meeting held at Sunflower Tuesday. The ones who were present set up some goals for 1938.

1. Practice reading Bible daily, secure interest of your family in establishing family worship.
2. Increase subscriptions—A Royal Service for each MEMBER.
3. Place Baptist Record in every church member's home. (Secure cooperation of church treasurer.)
4. A Missionary Library in each church.
5. See that shut-ins have plenty reading material.
7. Use continuing in prayer cards.
8. Make a talk at least once each quarter on becoming INFORMED Baptists through Baptist periodicals.
9. See that Young People's organizations have plenty literature. (Assist Young People's director in encouraging the parents who are financially able to subscribe for the magazines.)
10. Assist Negro W. M. U. members near you in securing necessary material.

One of the new requirements is that each associational officer shall subscribe for one periodical and I should like for us to use the same idea with the society officers.

If you do not have a Literature Chairman now, please get busy and elect one, then use her. She can be of valuable service to you if she knows the president is depending on her. I believe in dividing responsibility and that is one good way to use some person who might not be able to serve in any other place in your set-up.

Thanking you in advance for the best year's work in your society, for I know you will cooperate for the Master.

Sincerely,

Mrs. C. E. Powell,
County Literature Chairman

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November 5, 1937.

My dear Mississippi friends:

We know you think of your China missionaries daily as you read the papers and see conditions in this distressed land. Many have had to go to places of safety. Our hearts have ached especially for our Shanghai friends—most everything lost and very few of them able to remain in Shanghai. Here in our part of Shantung one would hardly know that such terrible things are happening, only taxes are much higher and in every town there is drilling—18 to 32 is the age. Out in the villages where I am at present I get war news only once each week when a messenger comes out with mail and fresh supplies. How thankful we are that we can carry on and feel we must "make hay while the sun shines" for it may not be so peaceful with us later. Still we trust it will be. Our small city, about 40,000, is neither on a railroad nor on a real motor highway, so we are not anticipating trouble.

The people have open hearts for the Gospel these days. Dr. Han and I are in evangelistic meetings in the village churches. Our present schedule takes us to Dec. 23rd, then we hope to return to the city for a brief holiday with the friends at Christmas. Then a week of Bible study with our 50 or more Christian workers of the county. And then out for meetings in other churches. God willing we hope to continue in meetings till June. Then we must give the people time to harvest their wheat, etc.

We bespeak your prayers for these meetings and for the work in our 34 churches of the county.

Please pray with us too in our effort to reach the unreached towns of our county. There are more than 1,000 of the towns in the county in which there is still not one who knows Christ. At our last Workers' Conference these towns were divided among the 34 churches. Each church being responsible for the town nearest their church. The church in which we are now in has some 60 towns to visit. Warm hearted Christians are earnest by helping in this great move.

Some of our Chinese friends are wondering if this great conflict which has overtaken China will not uproot some of us from these Provinces along the coast and send us farther interior. Much prayer is being made along this line and numbers of young Chinese are volunteering for this work.

Do pray for this distressed land as the winter month approach. The suffering is great now.

Oh, what will the outcome be. How long will it all last? Pray for us.

Very sincerely,

Your missionary,

Pearl Caldwell

Caixa 2655, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
November 30, 1937.

Dear faithful friends:

Once again it is my pleasure to write you from the land of sunshine and flowers. Seven weeks have passed since I returned to my adopted country, and they have been busy and happy ones. It is good to be back to take up again my share of the big task. I come to the W. M. U. office every day, and I am delighted with the way Mrs. Watson, Miss Ruth Randall and Senorita Arith Drummond carried on in my absence.

My first task was that of helping get off the Day of Prayer literature. It was mailed out to the 530 Baptist churches and to some outstations. We are praying that a large number of the churches will join their petitions with the thousands of others in behalf of the work around the world. Next, it was necessary to call a meeting of the Executive Committee of the W. M. U. to make plans for our annual meeting that is to be held in Rio, in January. And the last few weeks have been given over to the work of the thirty young women who will do summer W. M. U. field work. Some of them have already begun their work, and others will begin in two weeks. I hope you will read Miss Randall's article, Sacrifice and Success, in the number of the Brazilian Snapshots that accompanies this. It will give you an idea of the work that these girls do as they visit the different churches. Then please remember that they and the two permanent field workers, Miss Blanche Simpson and Senorita Zilda Azeredo, are your representatives. They are able to do this work because of the Christmas offering that you send for the development of the W. M. U. work. You cannot go out to the far-a-way places in person, but you can and do through your gifts and prayers.

I have visited several churches since I have been back, and in all of them I find the same eagerness for the Gospel. How great is the need for prepared and consecrated leaders! First Baptist Church of Rio is moving along in a fine way. The superintendent of the Sunday school feels that the goal—1,000 in Sunday school by the end of the year—will be met. They have 952 on roll at present.

As the Christmas season draws nigh, my thoughts turn often toward the home land, and I thank God for the rich blessings of my fur-

lough year. Seeing your faces, hearing your voices and sharing your experiences thrilled me more than you can ever know. My heart warms at the thought of your kindness and interest in the Master's work.

Many of you remembered me with gifts while I was at home. As I look at and use them, I live over again and again the happy hours spent with you, and I thank God upon every remembrance of you. The only way that I know how to show my appreciation for your loving thoughts and deeds is to try to match your confidence and love with the very best service that I can render to our Master. With His help I shall put forth every effort to make the moments count for the most.

With all good wishes for a Christmas that's merry and a New Year of bright and happy days, I am sincerely,

Minnie Landrum.

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LET'S GO!—

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there" and his deacons say he keeps them (deacons and all) hustling all the time.

Three trucks gather up each Sunday many who would not otherwise attend services. The cost is \$200 per year but the offerings from those riding covers the expense.

Few churches can boast of three standard B. T. U.'s—but Bunker Hill can.

Other churches might try their Orphanage support plan. Each member is asked to put in the birthday bank pennies equal to their age. Since July over \$50.00 has been received in that way.

The W. M. U. has seven circles and all function as do all the W. M. U. auxiliaries.

The church operates on a budget 15% of which goes to the Cooperative Program.

Recent improvements include painting the church, installing an electric light plant and building and paying for a pastorium.

Marion County subscribers are listed as follows: Columbia 28; Foxworth 3; White Bluff 1; BUNKER HILL 110.

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UNION (Smith County)

Though Rev. E. B. Shivers has been on his present field but eleven months, he has been making progress. He is pastor of 9 churches with a membership of 2,285 members.

Last fall 16 bales of cotton were contributed by this field and there were 126 additions.

During his five months pastorate at Union, in Smith County, he has gotten them well organized and the folks certainly do attend services. We were there on a rainy Sunday afternoon but the house was almost full.

After we presented the EVERY MEMBER FAMILY plan, Pastor Shivers told them he wanted it and they adopted it.

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PRAY FOR THE UNSAVED BUT ALSO TEACH THEM

There is more unanswered prayer
caused from the sin of presumption
than from all other causes. Often
we substitute presumption for faith.

We are seized with a desire for
the salvation of some loved one,
that is lost in sin. And we go to
God with them in prayer presum-
ing that He will save them: when
the prayer itself may be a sin.

James 4:3. "Ye ask, and receive
not, because ye ask amiss, that ye
may consume it upon your lust."

And so, if we have a desire for
the salvation of any one because
they are our blood kin, or because
the particular person is such a fine
specimen of manhood or womanhood
or for any other reason than that
they are human, white or black,
rich or poor, good or bad, high or
low, the desire is unholy; it is lust:
and we ask amiss. Also, it is wrong
to presume that God will save any
person just for the simple reason
that we ask Him.

There are conditions under which
we may pray for the salvation of a
particular individual, and pray the
prayer with a pure motive and a
holy desire.

First: it must be for the glory
of God.

Second: we must pray that this
person be saved God's way, and,

Third: at His own appointed time,
and,

Fourth: under conditions that
please Him.

Another thing: we should never
ask God to do that which He has
commanded us to do.

It is true that all the saving
power comes from God; but it is
also true that He uses certain well
defined methods in accomplishing
the salvation of each and every in-
dividual.

And to expect God to miraculously
save any person that we are
praying for, who does not know
the gospel, is not faith but pre-
sumption: for we read that the gos-
pel of Christ "is the power of God
unto salvation to every one that
believeth" (Rom. 1:16).

It is also written that "it pleased
God by the foolishness of preach-

ing to save them that believe" (I
Cor. 1:21).

Therefore, we should never pre-
sume that God will save any one
that we are not willing to see
saved God's way. It is a sin not
to ask God to save those that we
feel burdened to pray for; but we
should be also willing to teach them
the way of salvation plainly. I Sam.
12:23. "Moreover as for me, God
forbid that I should sin against
the Lord in ceasing to pray for
you: but I will teach you the good
and the right way."

Pray for the lost? Yes! "Brethren,
my heart's desire and prayer to God
for Israel is, that they might be
saved" (Rom. 10:1).

But Paul did not stop there. He
taught them: "That God was in
Christ, reconciling the world unto
Himself, not imputing their tres-
passes unto them" (II Cor. 5:19).

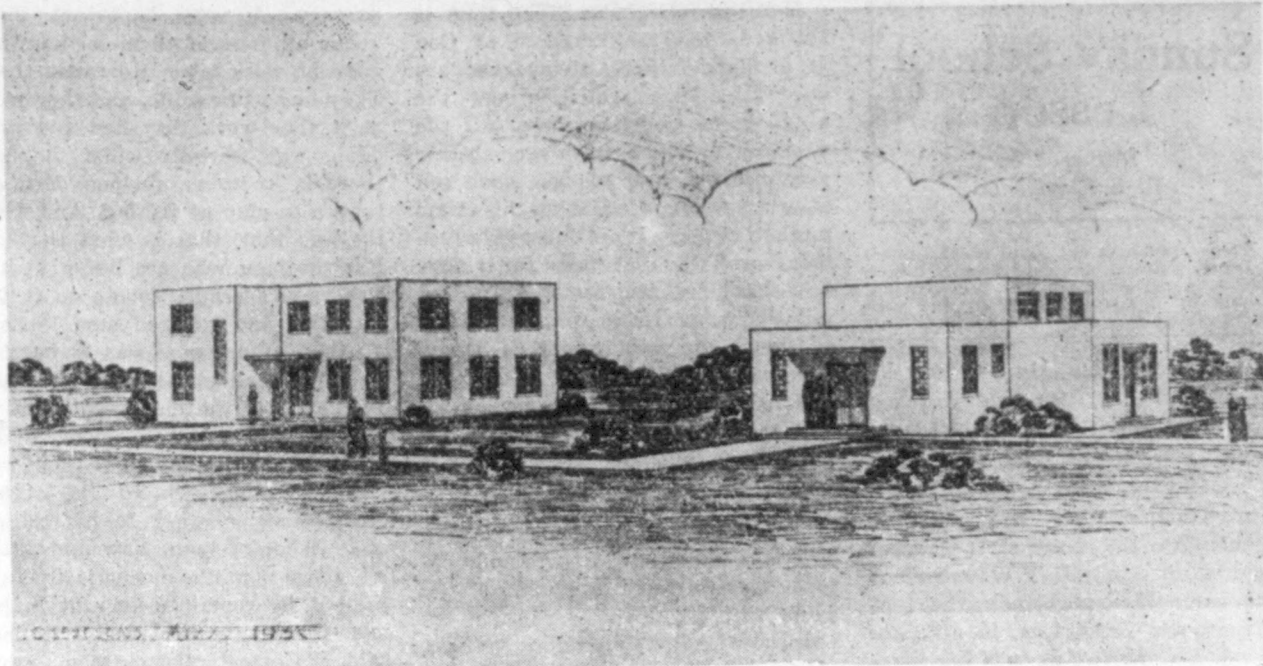
And then he prayed them, not
God, for God was already reconcil-
ed: "We pray you in Christ's stead,
be ye reconciled to God." (II Cor.
5:20.)

It is almost a tragedy that some
gospel preachers are so cold that
they are afraid to pray for a sin-
ner. But it is really a tragedy that
other preachers expect sinners to
be saved without preaching the gos-
pel to them.

J. E. Heath

Duck Hill, Miss.

In the death of Rev. Elisha Gard-
ner our people lost one of the best
men in Mississippi. Some time ago
one who loved him and loved to hear
him preach wrote, "I have never
known anybody who reminded me
so much of Jesus as brother Gard-
ner. He served faithfully in the
fields to which the Lord assigned
him. Like Nathanael he was without
guile. He had no selfish ambition,
but delighted to serve and to do
good. His interest was in others.
The churches in the southwestern
part of the state grew in grace un-
der his ministry, were devoted to
him personally and will cherish his
memory. May the Lord increase his
kind among us.



SCHOOL FOR CHINESE AT CLEVELAND, MISS.

The first unit of the Cleveland Chinese Baptist Mission Plant will be ready for occupancy on February 1st. This will be a dormitory building with space for classrooms. It will house fifty boarding students. At present there are 36 students, and two teachers are employed. The dormitory will cost \$10,000.00. It is hoped that the second unit—a church building—can be erected early in the spring.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE BAP- TIST RESCUE MISSION

Nightly now our seating capacity
is taxed to care for the crowds
coming in. Two score or more lie
on the chapel floor after our hun-
dred and twenty beds are all taken.

December gave us the largest
number of professed conversions in
its history for any one month, one
hundred and twenty-nine persons,
all having remained for an after
service, themselves kneeling in
humble prayer before making their
profession. Six hundred and fifty-
nine for the year 1937. We are pray-
ing and hoping for eight hundred
this year. Do not forget to pray
for us. Our Woman's Emergency
Home is well filled all the time. To
feed and shelter these men and
women our partners will need to
continue helping.

J. W. Newbrough.

ON THE NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS

On the night of Christmas about
half past two,
Santa Claus came riding through.
Through the skys he went
Flying like the wind.
On his back a sack of toys
For the good girls and boys.
So on, and on, his way he went
Stopping at every house and going
in.

When his journey was complete
He went home and went to sleep.

—By Johnie Fred Gorden

Boyle, Miss.

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ets."

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A man who has given many thou-
sands of dollars for charity and
to educational institutions said to
us recently that he had never lost
anything by giving; that somehow
it always came back to him. Some
of us who have given smaller sums
have found the same thing to be
true. A preacher who had only a
modest salary together with his
wife a few years ago took a girl
just graduating from high school
into their home and helped her to
get a college education. In the time
that she was there this preacher,
by the goodness of God, received
for extra work, outside his regular
income double what it cost to help
the girl through school. But the
greatest compensation was in see-
ing her later become the wife and
helper of one of the finest young
preachers in the state.

The trouble started when little
Doris declared that she would rath-
er have half a jam tart than two-
thirds of it.

"How often have I tried to tell
you," said the exasperated teacher,
"that two-thirds of anything is
more than half? Now you all know,"
she went on, "that Doris prefers a
small portion of tart to a large
piece. Funny child, isn't she?"

"Please, miss," said Doris in a
small, clear, piping voice, "I don't
like tarts."

Jackie watched the nurse while
she weighed the new baby. Finally
he could contain himself no longer.

"Do you mind telling me what my
mother paid a pound for him?" he
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Lesson for January 16, 1938
(Title)
RECRUITING FOR WORLD CONQUEST

Text: Mark 1:14-28

Introduction. We are entering further into the study of the gospel recorded by John Mark, a tenderfoot who came through. Mark, the tenderfoot, the sissy, was, in all likelihood, a Cypriote, as was his kinsman, Barnabas. As long as his work led him no farther from home than the boundaries of his native Cyprus, very well; but when it came to following Paul off into Asia, Mark's courage oozed out at his fingers and toes, and he went back to his mother and the comfortable house she had bought in Jerusalem. No doubt he soon realized that he had played the fool, hence his willingness to accompany Barnabas and Paul on the second journey; but Paul would have none of him. He who will not serve the Lord when he is called to do so many find the door to service closed to him when the time convenient to him arrives.

But the rebuff by Paul and the patient training under Barnabas, guided by the Spirit of the Lord, made a man of Mark, so that he came through gloriously. He literally started at the bottom in his progress in the kingdom, and worked his way up to the point where Paul was his assistance in his own work. It was given to Mark to write this gospel, the gospel of action. Was he the amenuensis of Peter? Rather let us say that he was the servant of the Holy Spirit, and let us not forget that Mark wrote not his own word only, but the word of God, and that we are to study together a portion of that word. The text for the day is a section from the first chapter (Mark 1:14-28). Are you doing what I asked you to? Are you reading the gospel through each week? Have you read it through already? Yes? Good! Now, let us look at these verses and see what we can find. Here our Lord is beginning a life of service. That service consists in part of recruiting and training workers for the service of God. Here we see our Lord doing that.

I. Proclamation. Vv. 14, 15.

In these verses we have the gist, the points for emphasis, the text, the gospel in epitome, which our Lord preached. Here is the proclamation of the King, under which His force for world conquest is to be recruited. This proclamation consists of two statements, two brief declarations, and two imperatives, two brief commands. But the two declarations are wedded into one, and so also are the two imperatives. The two declarations state a fact, and, based upon that fact, the two imperatives herald a command.

Here are the facts, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand." These two facts are one. The time which brings the kingdom of God has come. All the yesterdays which have gone their way into the tomb of time have run that way in order that this time might come. It is here because things are ripe and ready for it now. Understand these facts. Our God got the world ready for the coming of the Savior, and now it is ready. The clock of God has struck the hour. The remedy for the sin of the world is ready, the Savior is here. Now what are men to do?

Here then is the duty. "Repent ye, and believe in the gospel." Again this two make one. Repent and believe are two facts or phases of the same act. No man ever truly repented who did not also believe, and no man ever sincerely believed who did not genuinely repent. What happens at dawn? Does the light come or the darkness go? Both. What happens when seedtime comes, does spring come or does winter go? Both. When you put your open hand into your pocket, which goes in first, back of the hand or the palm of it? They go in together. So in the case of repentance and faith, so in the case of repentance and belief. And the Lord commands this two-in-one act, and so it becomes a duty incumbent upon all who hear the proclamation. Here are the facts: God has brought the kingdom near you, and has done it in His good time. His purpose in doing so has been to afford you a privilege which now becomes a binding duty: "Repent ye, and believe in the gospel." And by believing the gospel, He means believing Him of whom the gospel is the good news.

II. Initiation. Vv. 16-20.

Here we see Him calling men to be with Him. Thus we see Him conferring upon men the highest privilege any man can ever enjoy, the privilege of being with Him. Four men are named in this passage, all of whom He called. We are told quite a deal about them in this

passage. A very important thing about all four of them is that they were at work when He called them. They had work to do, and they were at it. The work they had and were doing was work to enlist the best there is in grown-up men. Men often go to play at fishing. And when they do that, that is what they do. But the men who are living by the fisherman's trade, devote to it the attention and labor of men. No one of these four men was a beggar. They were all property owners, and successful in the management of it, no doubt. They were men of decision of character. One of them was impulsive, but it is to his eternal credit that he stuck to his calling as a fisher of men. Now and again his moral courage momentarily failed, but he remained fervent in his love for his Lord. When the Lord said, "Come," these men went. Someone has expressed the idea that the invitation, "Come," is preliminary to the process of becoming, and is in order to that process. When He says "Come," He means that you shall "come" in order to "become," and no man becomes what Jesus wants him to become except he first come to Jesus.

Have you come to Jesus? Yes? Will you further yield to Him that you may become what He wants you to become? It was in order that you might become that He bade you come in the first place. These four men went and after long years they were what He had intended them to be. The hour they came to Him they were what He wanted them to be in that hour, and He went to work with them that they might become what He wanted them to be the day after and the week after and the month after, and the year after and the decade after and the eternity after.

III. Demonstration. Vv. 21, 22.

Here is the great important thing for the man of God to do. "Right away on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue and taught." He went to the synagogue, yes, He went to church. It was His business to be there and He went. Do you go to church? Do you do it regularly?

Jesus did. Now, He was God, and He could get the ear of God outside of a house and could worship the Father as well in the woods or at home as you can; but He did not remain away. He was so divine that in Him all fullness dwelt, but He was so human that He had need of communion with the Father. So have you, and I hope that you recognize that need, but there are more than half of our Baptist membership who do not recognize their need of the communion without which our Lord would not dare try to live. Yes, I am saying, and do say, reverently, but positively as I can, that my Lord had need to go to the place where God's people met for worship; And He did it.

When God's people get together with one another and with Him, they get situated so He can use them, and in using them, make them to become what He wants them to become. Our Lord was here demonstrating what is the method by which men win the world for Him. And the demonstration is a demonstration of aggregation, of congregation.

"Oh, He taught! But I can not teach, so there is no use in my going." Yes, you can teach, and, yes, you do. Whether you go and do nothing else but go, you teach one thing, and whether you stay away and do nothing else but stay away, you also teach. If you go, regularly, faithfully, consistently, you teach, and you teach with authority.

A week ago I heard of an argument between a scoffer and a Christian, and the narrator said the Christian closed the argument, closed the argument, that is what I said, closed it, by saying, "There is my mother. She has always been a quiet little woman. She goes to church and sits quietly and listens (Continued on page 15)



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Bryan Simmons

This combination of letters stands for Baptist Orphanage Building Fund. We hope to see the Baptists of Mississippi and our friends make this combination of letters illustrious by accomplishing the task suggested by them. The idea is to provide a fund of \$150,000.00 to rebuild the Orphanage plant.

In my first article I promised to give later something of the plans and progress. The re-building program calls for six new dormitories, a bungalow for the superintendent, the remodeling of the present nursery building and the present superintendent's home so as to make of them dormitories for larger children, an administration building (including kitchen, dining room, chapel and office space), re-working the school building, a new powerhouse (including laundry, boiler room and work shop), and a new barn.

Profiting by past experience the new buildings will be smaller and more compact. No building will be more than two stories high and every effort is being made to make the buildings substantial, simple and servicable.

Each new dormitory will accommodate from thirty to forty children and is estimated to cost around \$16,000.00. As soon as practical, the old dormitories will be torn down and all possible material used in erecting the new ones.

Progress

The first unit of the re-building program (our new nursery) will be ready for occupancy by the time you read this article. When the little tots are brought to the new nursery the older boys will be transferred to the present nursery building. The first plan was to re-model this building for the boys right away; but, owing to the bad condition of their present building, we are asking them to make the best of the old nursery for the present in order to get them away from a leaky roof and sinking walls.

The next building will be the bungalow for the superintendent. Not that he needs a new building; but because his present home is so badly needed for children in one of the other dormitories.

The children need to be removed from the present buildings because, although \$32,000.00 has been spent on these buildings within the past seven years in efforts to save them, they are constantly becoming more unsightly and more hazardous.

This condition has come, not from any failure on the part of those who labored to provide these buildings; but because of a treacherous soil that has given way and undermined the foundations. In the side wall of one of these three-story buildings there are two zigzag cracks that you can stick your hand in, reaching from top to bottom.

Because of these conditions we shall proceed as rapidly as possible; but we can proceed only as we have the money. **THERE SHALL BE NO DEBT AND NO INTEREST ACCOUNT.** The present progress has been made possible by salvaging a building fund started by former Sup-

erintendent J. R. Carter, by savings through a more economic policy adopted by the management within the past few years, and by occasional gifts from interested friends. How fast we travel from now on depends upon you, other Baptists and friends outside of our denomination who are interested in the rightful care of the children who are and will be needing our help. We have received this week \$1,000.00 from a fine young business man who feels that life is more than making money. We want this to be the first money for the next dormitory and we hope that the response from others will be such as to make it possible to start the next dormitory as soon as the superintendent's bungalow is completed, if not before.

Join us in this task. Do your best. A few large gifts, many medium sized gifts and a lot of small gifts will provide what is needed.

Make all remittances to B. O. B. F., c/o Baptist Orphanage, Jackson, Miss.

—BR—

AROUND THE WORLD FROM LOUISIANA

W. W. Hamilton, B. B. I.
New Orleans, La.

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Some years ago a Baptist man, born in Savine Parish, Louisiana, moved to Austin, Texas, and in the routine of his official duties becoming acquainted with a Chinese family he invited them to the services of the church of which he had become a member. Their response was immediate, and they later were led to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and confessed him as their Saviour.

One of that family, Miss Inez Lung, was led to offer herself for missionary work in her native land of China, and it was her life and testimony and fine spirit which was used of God in the full surrender for service of Miss Moonbeam Tong, now a student at the Baptist Bible Institute.

Miss Tong and Miss Pauline Cheung are teaching many of the Chinese children of New Orleans as they meet for three periods a week in class rooms at the Baptist Bible Institute. So from Sabine Parish, to Austin, to China, and back to New Orleans and to Louisiana, this stream of gospel influence has gone, widening and deepening and blessing. How important it is that we be good witnesses here at home if we would win China and the world to Christ!

—BR—

CROWDER INTERMEDIATES ELECT OFFICERS

The Intermediate B. Y. P. U. of Crowder elected the following officers for the coming year:

President—Josh Warrington.
Vice-President—Howard Ellis.
Secretary—Christine Ellis.
Corresponding Secretary—Catherine Tindall.
Treasurer—Esther Sue Knight.
Bible Leader—Mable Blackwood.
Group Captains—Fay Rene Mannings, Velma Ilene Warrington.

—BR—

Maria (putting up pictures): I can't find a single pin. Where do they all go, anyway?

Matty: It's hard to tell, because they're pointed in one direction and they're headed in another.

PRAYER, PERSISTENCE, PERSONAL WORK

Student J. B. Hunter, B. B. I.
New Orleans, La.

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During a service I usually study the faces of the persons listening. On this particular Sunday afternoon in Coliseum Park I was impressed with the countenance of a man, perhaps middle-aged, who was listening with unusual interest. After the service he asked the preacher who brought the message to remember him in the prayer at the conclusion.

Approaching him I found that he was a father of a large family and had never trusted Jesus for salvation. I tried to show him what a desperate position he was in, a father of those children, a guardian of their religious life and example for not only his children but his neighbors. He was convicted but would not surrender. When the time came to leave the park I gave him a tract and a Gospel asking him to come again.

Several weeks passed with much the same experience with him every Sunday. Then he missed one service and I thought maybe he would never come back. When I was leaving my room the next Sunday I felt impressed to carry a New Testament with me hoping that he would be at the service. He was there. After the service I gave the New Testament to him and marked some special passages for him to read. I did not feel led to press for a decision but felt that the word with the power of the Holy Spirit would do the rest.

I shall never forget the picture I saw that afternoon when we left the park. He had withdrawn from the crowd to the shade of a small tree, and sitting down he had buried himself in the pages of the word of God.

For the next few days following I prayed very definitely for the conviction of the Holy Spirit. During our conversation I had invited him to church but he very quickly and flatly refused to go, but God was working and the following Sunday night he was present.

I had been kept from the meeting on one particular night but on the following morning I learned

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MY PLAN OF LIFE FOR 1938
G. P. White

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LIFE IS A JOURNEY—I will live it trustingly. "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow . . . I will fear no evil, Thou art with me"—Ps. 23:4.

LIFE IS A TASK—I will live it obediently. "We keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight"—I Jno. 3:22.

LIFE IS A MISSION—I will live it helpfully. "Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another"—Eph. 4:32.

LIFE IS A CONTEST—I will live it earnestly. "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like men, be strong"—I Cor. 16:13.

LIFE IS A BATTLE—I will live it courageously. "Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid; for the Lord thy God is with thee"—John 1:19.

LIFE IS A PROSPECT—I will live it hopefully. "Looking for that blessed hope . . . appearing of . . . our Saviour Jesus Christ"—Titus 2:13.

—BR—

Lady: I bought three hams here a month ago, and they were so nice. Have you got any more of them?

Grocer: Yes, ma'am, there are ten of those hams up here now.

Lady: Well, if you're sure they're off the same pig, I'll take six of them.

from a friend of mine that he had given up to the urging of the Spirit, had come forward for prayer, and remained until he found the Saviour.

—BR—

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The Children's Circle

MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

My dear children:

In thinking of undertaking this work which has been laid down by my mother, my mind has turned to the first chapter of Joshua. No matter how familiar you are with the passage, I wish you would take your Bible and read it again. Moses, the faithful servant of God, has died. It was necessary that the great work in which he was engaged have another leader. God chose and spoke to Joshua. He promised, "As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee," and several times he said, "Be strong and of a good courage." That is the message I want us to get. Our leader has completed her work; she has accomplished the purpose God had for her, but the work itself is not finished. There is still a great deal for us to do, and if we listen I believe we can hear him say to us, "Be strong and very courageous." I am asking you to work with me as you worked with my mother and if we follow the advice given in the eighth verse of that same chapter we shall have good success. Let's try it together! I'm depending on you!

I want to thank you for a number of Christmas greeting cards sent to my mother by members of the Children's Circle. Some came early enough to cheer her and all of them have touched a tender spot in the hearts of those who love her. Among these are Mary Adelyn Milam, Mary Ruth Denson, Mary Nell Rayburn, Mary Bell Pritchard, Mary Frances Head, (such a fine bunch of Marys!) and Mrs. Beulah Mayo.

We have a number of interesting letters; one from Dr. Hamilton thanking us for the recent contribution to Miss Mixon's scholarship. We are sorry that Miss Mixon was sick and we hope she is quite well now. Another letter from Mr. Mize expresses gratitude for our help to our orphan children. Appreciative as they are, I very much doubt that they get as much joy from these contributions as do you who make them. That is just another way of saying "It is more blessed to give than to receive," is it not?

Contributions continue to come in for the Ernest Clark memorial. His influence lives. There are letters from some of the older members of our circle, and there are letters from some of the very younger members, but instead of talking about them, I'm going to let you read them.

With love,
Mrs. Frances Lipsey Steele.

My dear Mrs. Lipsey:

The check for \$27.04 sent by the Children's Circle to be used for Miss Mixon's scholarship is in hand and I am herewith enclosing receipt and am expressing my sincere gratitude on my own behalf as well as for Miss Mixon. She, too, has been sick in the hospital but I believe is about well again.

With every good wish and grateful for your continued efforts in behalf of the Institute and this fine young woman, and joining your many friends in most prayerful desire for your recovery, I am

Sincerely yours,
W. W. Hamilton,
President

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

We wish to take this opportunity of expressing our sincere thanks and appreciation for the following contributions:

\$35.53 from the Children's Circle;
\$25.00 anonymous gift for Ernest Clark memorial fund.

We are deeply grateful for these contributions and ask that you please express our thanks to those who had a part in making the contribu-

tions possible, for their interest and support.

Sincerely yours,
W. G. Mize, Supt.,
Baptist Orphanage.

Camden, Miss.,
Dec. 17, 1937.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Am sending one dollar (\$1.00) for birthday offering from Julius Ashley Hamilton, Orlando and Francis Matlock and their aunt, Fannie Thornton for the Ernest Clark memorial for both our causes.

Wish we had more like Ernest—always faithful.

We will come again sometime.
Merry Christmas to all.

Miss Fannie Thornton
Thank you and the young folks, Miss Fannie, for this good offering. We hope you will remember your promise to come again, and make it soon.—F. L. S.

Ripley, Miss., Route 4,
Dec. 20, 1937.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Will you admit a little boy 64 years old to your page. I read the Children's Page very much. I am sending a check for \$2.50 to go on the Ernest Clark memorial fund. I will close by wishing you and all the readers a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

E. Y. Davis
Dear Mr. Davis: We welcome the big boys as well as the little ones to our page. And we thank you for this substantial gift to the Ernest Clark memorial fund.—F.L.S.

Lake, Miss.,
Dec. 20, 1937.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Enclosed find seventy-six cents and a bundle of Octagon coupons sent from the members of Oak Grove Sunday school, several having had birthdays recently. The coupons were collected by Misses Fannie Ruth Davis and Mattie G. Duckworth. This offering is small, but sent with great interest to the orphans.

You have our prayers in your great cause.

We wish for you a very pleasant Christmas-time.

Sincerely,
Mrs. George Gatewood
And we wish for you a happy New Year, Mrs. Gatewood, while we are thanking you and your good workers for your help. We hope many will follow your example and remember to send the coupons too.—F. L. S.

Mize, Miss., Route 1,
Dec. 30, 1937.

Dues for Quarter-to-two Club No. 4 for October, November and December—75 cents, from Annie Jane Bryant.

Thank you for these club dues, Annie Jane. Won't you write us a letter next time? You and I are neighbors, are we not, because you live in Smith County and I in Simpson!—F. L. S.

5115 Finley St.,
Gulfport, Miss.

25c Club dues
75c Ernest Clark memorial

From,
Mary Frances Head
Mary Frances, we thank you for the two gifts and the kind wishes on the enclosed card.—F. L. S.

Jackson, Miss.,
Dec. 30, 1937.

To the Children's Page:

I am sure since our great leader has gone from us God would not have us give up the wonderful work she has so faithfully started, so let us encourage the other as she has so often encouraged us. Wouldn't it be fitting to give to our Orphan-

age in memory of her? I'm sending one dollar (\$1.00), from the Junior department at Griffith Memorial Church to start this memorial fund.

Mrs. E. E. Parker

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas; In Divine Providence, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call into his presence our esteemed Christian friend and State Sunday School Secretary, Dr. J. E. Byrd.

Whereas; His life among us has been a blessing, and his strong abiding faith, active and vital to the end; making itself felt in the lives of those around him;

Therefore; We, the Pike County Baptist Sunday School Convention, do hereby express our sense of loss at the passing of our faithful secretary who was untiring in his efforts, consecrated in his service, and steadfast in his faith, and

Acknowledge the blessing that has been ours from his acquaintance, the contributions made by him toward the spiritual enrichment of our Sunday School Convention, and the inspiration that is ours for his example, and

Extend to his bereaved family our tenderest sympathy and love, and its confidence in a re-united life eternal.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Terrell,
J. W. Mayfield,
H. B. Price,
Committee.

WHAT THE WORLD IS LOOKING FOR

The world today is looking for men who are not for sale; men who are honest, sound from center to circumference, true to the heart's core; men with conscience as steady as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right if the heavens totter and the earth reels; men who will tell the truth and look the world right in the eye; men who neither drag nor run, men who neither flag or flinch; men who can have courage without shouting it; men in whom the courage of everlasting life runs still, deep and strong; men who know their message and tell it; men who know their place and fill it; men who know their business and attend to it; men who will not lie, shirk or dodge; men who are not too lazy to work, nor too proud to be poor; men who are willing to eat what they have earned and wear what they have paid for; men who are not ashamed to say "No" with emphasis and who are not ashamed to say "I can't afford it."

(D. A. (Scotch) McCall

CLARKE COLLEGE B. S. U.

The B. S. U. Council presented their annual student night program last Thursday night in the college dining hall. The theme of the program was "Today and Tomorrow with Christ." Most every student was present and a number of visitors.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a tonic which has been helping women of all ages for nearly 70 years. Adv.

The program was as follows:

Opening song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Scripture and poem: "God in Every Tomorrow"—Omelda Tyner.

Offertory: Violin Solo—John William Wills.

Visualizing Today's Student Christianity: Elizabeth Fontaine, Sarah Lynn Kenney, Essie Lee Tubbs and Martha Dorroh.

Choosing and Following Christ Regardless: Marcelle Strickling.

My Experience in Making Christianity Practical: Milton Wilder.

Broadening My Spiritual Horizon: Maydelle Kornegay.

Today's Youth Building a Christian Tomorrow: Rev. Morris.

Echo Quartet: Culis Hayes, Betty Davidson, Lois Eddins, and Arthur Royals.

Omelda Tyner, Reporter

S. S. ATTENDANCE JAN. 9, 1938

Jackson, First Church	1,002
Jackson, Calvary Church	948
Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church	707
Jackson, Davis Mem. Church	238
Jackson, Parkway Church	225
Jackson, Northside Church	136
Clinton Church	456
Canton Church	227
Hattiesburg, First Church	456
Vicksburg, First Church	374
Laurel, First Church	484
Laurel, West Laurel Church	493
Laurel, 2nd Ave. Church	261
Laurel, South Laurel Church	84
Meridian, 41st Ave. Church	237
Newton Church	268
Indianola Church	186
Indianola Church (1/2/38)	160
Crystal Springs Church	333
Columbia, First Church	457
(1/2/38)	367
Clarksdale Church	367

B. T. U. ATTENDANCE JAN. 9th

Jackson, First Church	157
Jackson, Calvary Church	269
Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church	351
Jackson, Parkway Church	35
Jackson, Northside Church	45
Canton Church	67
Hattiesburg, First Church	78
Hattiesburg, Immanuel Church	95
Hattiesburg, Immanuel Church	60
(1/2/38)	92
Laurel, First Church	262
Laurel, West Laurel Church	68
Laurel, 2nd Ave. Church	74
Laurel, South Laurel Church	107
Vicksburg, First Church	52
Meridian, 41st Ave. Church	143
Newton Church	101
Indianola Church	97
Indianola Church (1/2/38)	130
Crystal Springs Church	158
Clarksdale Church	158

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AUBER J. WILDS, General Secretary

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JACKSON, MISS.

We wish to thank every friend who remembered us during the holidays. Many expressions of love and friendship came our way for which we are ever grateful. A person has no greater asset than a friend, and with many friends, assets mount. Christmas has been a glad occasion, and we enter the New Year with new zeal to carry on for the Master in a larger and better way. May the year for each of you be one of happiness and success.

A Good Birthday Gift For Your Boy or Girl

There has just come from the press a splendid book, "Shining Armor" by Mrs. Adna Ewing Kelley. We regret that this book was not off the press in time for Christmas shoppers,—what a splendid gift it would have made to any boy or girl. Every boy and girl has a birthday, however, so if you want to present them with a book that will supply character building thoughts order a copy of this book from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss. Read what Dr. John L. Hill, book editor of the Sunday School Board, has to say about it:

Here at last is the ideal book for boys and girls,—beautiful in title, in content, in workmanship. Opening with a very thoughtful creed for young people, it continues with 30 stories, well conceived and told, and fittingly illustrated by G. Robert Olson. Each story carries its own message of information and inspiration and cannot but impress every reader. The author combines beautifully the advantages of training and experience. Product of a cultured home, educated in our best schools, Mrs. Kelley possesses a most gracious personality, which finds its way into written messages. As mother, teacher, and friend of children, she knows how to appeal to both their understanding and their appreciation. We congratulate our boys and girls upon the pleasure and profit that shall be theirs as they read these fresh sketches prepared especially for their enjoyment. Incidentally, we may observe that we know one gentleman of discriminating judgment who stated publicly that grown-ups as well as children ought to read this flawless volume.

Philadelphia Sets A New Record In B. T. U. Attendance

On Sunday, December 19th, the Philadelphia Baptist Training Union had an attendance of 309. This is the largest attendance record we have for Mississippi. The Griffith Memorial Church reached the 308 mark on one Sunday, having set as their goal 300. This new record by the Philadelphia union should set all training unions to work to equal it. We congratulate Pastor D. A. McCall and Director Mrs. E. S. Cole on this fine record, and we also congratulate the Philadelphia

church on having a Training Union spirit.

One thing that has inspired such interest and brought such good results is the emphasis placed upon, and the planning for the monthly business meeting. Following is an account of the business meeting one recent month:

BTU Special Leaves For Training Camps

'Twas a happy enthusiastic group of officers of the Baptist Training Union of the First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, that met on the first floor of the church building on Tuesday night. These officers were anticipating a group trip on the "BTU Special."

As the officers entered the church they were met by the trainmaster, Mrs. Everette Cole, BTU Director, who ushered them into the waiting room insisting that they visit the information "bureau" for such advice as would be needed for the trip.

Promptly at eight o'clock the ticket office was opened and with Alston Spivey as agent, each person purchased a ticket for his respective camp. Standing on the track just outside the depot was the waiting train with Monroe Williams, assistant director, as engineer.

The improvised engine of brown paper, shoe polish, barrel, black cardboard, library table, stove pipe and floor lamp was assurance to the waiting group of the safe mode of travel, as the engineer clanked the bell, blew the whistle and turned on the motor which in reality was only an electric fan.

"All Aboard" was shouted repeatedly by the flagman, Ben McCraw, Jr., as Conductor Clovis Putman in gray uniform assisted the passengers on the waiting monster.

Because of the holdup by Miss Carolyn Madison and her backwood family, the Junior officers, the train left a few minutes late, but owing to the fact that they were not used to the modern way of traveling, numerous questions had to be answered by officials.

Riley Munday as "Butch" added much to the trip as he distributed peanuts and candy and at the same time called attention to the many places of scenic beauty along the route.

The itinerary of the trip was as follows: Camp "Heap O Fun," with Miss Lucille Craddock, general social chairman, for corresponding secretaries, while Randolph Russell, recording secretary, was found at Camp "Accuracy" instructing his group.

Choristers found themselves alighting at Camp "Just in Tune," with Miss Nellie Pearl McArn, pianist, presiding. The engineer had left the train with the passengers at Camp "Go Get Um" for a half hour's chat with the vice-presidents.

Camp "Efficiency" drew the largest crowd which called for all

group captains and presidents and was under the direction of Mrs. Scotchie McCall.

Leaders and sponsors stopped with Miss Madison, Junior Union director, who had become reconciled to traveling and several minutes delightful discussion was had at Camp "Perseverance" while Miss Maudine Phillips managed another group for Daily Bible Readers at Camp "Daily."

Camp "Light" for treasurers was directed by Mrs. A. B. McCraw.

As the passengers boarded the BTU Special, for the homeward trip they each felt that they had spent a profitable forty-five minutes in their respective camps. Each officer resolved to do his best with God's help to make this year the greatest BTU year in the history of the church.

For the last week in 1937 there were one-third more deaths by accident than in the same week the year before. Why? More liquor.

We are sorry to learn that Rev. J. H. Wright, pastor of Boulevard Church in Memphis is seriously ill in the Baptist Memorial Hospital.

One hundred were added to the Belmont Church, Roanoke, Va., in a meeting in which Dr. Zeno Wall of Shelby, N. C., preached.

President Roosevelt asked for \$1,500,000 appropriation for three additional federal prisons, one of them for women. It looks like the repeal of the prohibition amendment was a failure—possibly a crime.

Rev. Carey Cox, Mississippi student at the Louisville Seminary, becomes pastor at Lawrenceburg, Ky. Felix Arnold becomes musical and educational director in Virginia Ave. Church in Louisville.

Dr. Clyde L. Breland says in the Western Recorder that Kentucky Baptists are about to start a department for Baptist student work with a full time secretary whose chief business will be to enlist Baptist students in state schools in religious work in connection with churches near the campuses.

Moses said, "Thou shalt not wrest justice: thou shalt not respect persons; neither shalt thou take a bribe; for a bribe doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous." Bribery is not always a direct offer of money. It may be an offer or a prospect of getting a vote: If a legislator favors a measure simply because he wants to be re-elected, and not on the basis of the common good, he has accepted a bribe. Everybody knows about "pork barrel" legislation. There are many varieties of this species. The only cure for it is for a man to give his conscience a good bath every day.

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At the close of the evening service at Hazlehurst church Sunday night an opportunity was given for those who wished to help the suffering in China to lay their offering on the table. Over \$26.00 were contributed.

Surely any brother who seeks to discount the work of Christian education in order to magnify the work of missions has not thought this thing through. There is hardly a missionary on the foreign field who was not prepared for his work by assistance given him to get his education. It is doubtful if there is a mission secretary anywhere who did not attend a college built and supported by money given by somebody else. Occasionally you hear it said of somebody that "he worked his way through school." That is only partly true, for in every case somebody else put up the buildings or paid the teachers at least in part, and equipped the school for its work. Let us have done with this manufactured antagonism between education and missions. It simply does not exist except in the minds of people who have not taken the trouble to inform themselves. Let us build our colleges and equip them and endow them that men and women may the better serve God and their generation.

The best thing that could happen to this country economically is that every man should get upon his own feet and quit looking to the government for a hand-out. The paternalistic attitude of government in recent years is simply taking all the manhood out of our people. We are forsaking the spirit of independence and courage and initiative which have characterized our nation, and have begun to lean for support on the government. And who is the government? Just an intangible semi-personification of everybody in general, and nothing in particular. Unless somebody can call a halt in this spirit of dependency we are headed for paralysis and disintegration. The Bible gives us the fundamental principle, "If any man will not work, neither shall he eat." If the government can furnish work for people on useful enterprises well and good. But let it not be at high wages which will destroy industry and bribe men to lean on a shovel handle. This matter is more serious than most people realize. It means the utter corruption of manhood and removing the foundations from civilization. Instead of limiting the amount of agricultural products we should set the unemployed to raising something to eat.

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Every person who suffers with headache, Neuralgia, periodic pains, Muscular aches and pains, from inorganic causes should be relieved quickly.

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EAST MISSISSIPPI

By R. L. BRELAND

DEATH MARCHES ON

During the year 1937 death has taken its usual toll of our people, and seemingly last year it loved a shining mark, for many of our best fell before the grim reaper. According to my diary among the fallen were:

January 2, Rev. J. H. Purser, age 89, one of our oldest ministers. Jan. 20, Rev. I. H. Anding, age 90, who died at Brookhaven, one of our most beloved preachers. March 15, Rev. A. A. Walker died at Water Valley, another useful preacher. March 15, Rev. Martin Ira Wood, age 49, a native Mississippian, died at Hotchkiss, Colo. March 16, Rev. Jas. Edwin Bilbo, age 84, died near Poplarville. March 26, Rev. J. C. Dove, age 74, died at Rayville, La., born in Leake County, Mississippi. April 14, Dr. W. E. Farr died at Grenada, one of our most useful pastors. April 26, Dr. John R. Edwards, age 85, died at Ruston, La., born in Hinds County, Mississippi.

May 10, Rev. James M. Hendrix, age 74, died in Yalobusha County. July 17, Rev. C. E. Bass died at Scooba, one of our active pastors. Oct. 23, Dr. J. E. Byrd, age 65, for 33 years state secretary of the Sunday school department, died, his home was at Mt. Olive. One of our best men. Dec. 4, Rev. M. Kimbrough Thornton, age 75, died at his home at Bessemer, Ala., he was born at Buena Vista, Miss. Dec. 5, Rev. James H. Hunter died at Memphis, born at Hohenlinden, Miss. Dec. 8, Rev. C. M. Morris, age 72, died at Columbus, Miss., had held good pastorates. Dec. 25, Rev. M. J. Derrick, age about 70, died at Jackson, Miss., had been a busy and useful pastor.

Others besides preachers, among whom were Mrs. Julia Toy Johnson Lipsey, Editor P. I. Lipsey's wife; Mrs. Edna L. Strain of Pittsboro; Mr. Jas. G. Chastain, Jr., of Jackson; Mr. Will Dockery, Memphis; brother H. E. Morrell, Carrollton; Mr. R. H. Molpus, Philadelphia; Mrs. T. J. Miley, widow of Rev. T. J. Miley, Brandon; Mrs. Judson Chastain, wife of Rev. Judson Chastain, Lexington; Mrs. Frank Rhodes of Neshoba; Judge W. H. Cook, Jackson; Mr. Brown Williams, chairman of the Highway Commission, Philadelphia; Deacon Geo. F. Williams, Lawrence. There were many others but space will not permit of more. Thus year by year we see the passing of our best and most beloved. May the Father comfort all whose hearts are sad because of the home-going of these dear to our hearts.

Brother T. T. Gooch, clerk of Yalobusha County Baptist Association, won first prize offered by the Sunday School Board for the best minutes, the sum of \$25.00. He has won first or second prize on his minutes for several years.

An appreciated letter from Rev. L. E. Lightsey, Montrose, which came recently brings back sweet memories of my association with

him and other dear Christians. Among other things he said: "I am writing to let you know that I am still in the world and like the apostle Paul I am able to say, For me to live is Christ. . . . I am 80 years young, in fine health, and still at the bat and hoping for victory over the world, the flesh and the devil." Glad to have these fine words from this beloved brother. May the Lord give him many more years yet.

Pastor John R. Breland of Jackson, La., First Baptist Church, says of his work: "Our work is going in a fine way. Last week the church presented the pageant, 'The Coming of the Christ Child.' We have painted the Sunday school plant this fall and other repairs in buildings." This Mississippi preacher might be induced to come back home.

Miss Hazel Breland, teaching English in the Alabama State Normal at Florence, Ala., has just returned from a short cruise which carried her to Guatemala and British Honduras, Central America. She writes that she enjoyed the trip but it made her all the better satisfied with living in the good old U. S. A.

MRS. J. R. STRAIN

On Christmas morning the death angel came down and carried to heaven the lovely soul of Mrs. Edna L. Strain. She was visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. P. Byars, at Pittsboro, Miss. She was born 74 years ago and had spent most of her life in Calhoun County, but was making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Amy Byars, at Jackson, Miss., and was a member of the First Baptist Church of that city. She was one of our very best women, interested in every phase of Christian work. Her body was laid to rest in the Pittsboro cemetery near that of her beloved husband who died in 1910, service by the writer, a former pastor. To her children and all those who sorrow we extend our deepest sympathy. We know where to find this dear woman, so we will not weep as those who have no hope. She will be missed.

Christmas has come and gone and the New Year has burst in upon us. The old year was good to us in many ways. Many cards and many other things more substantial have come from our brothers, sisters and friends during the Yuletide. Mrs. Breland and the writer take this method of thanking all our friends for their remembrance. May the Lord be good to you this year of our Lord, 1938. HAPPY NEW YEAR to all of you.

HICKORY GROVE

Evangelists D. Wade Smith and M. E. Perry are now in a revival meeting with the Hickory Grove Church, out from Sumrall and will close out Sunday night. They begun December 28th and although the weather has been somewhat against them the crowds have overflowed the building at almost every service.

These brethren are doing a great work with us here. Aside from the gospel messages brother Smith is bringing both morning and evening, he is conducting open meetings each evening prior to the preaching, dis-

cussing vital denominational subjects and answering questions concerning the work of the Kingdom. Brother Perry is leading the song services, assisting with personal work and conducting clinics on separate evenings for the S. S., B. Y. P. U., Brotherhood and W. M. S. Both the Brotherhood and the W. M. S. will be organized before these men leave us.

It is our desire to have these brethren return to us sometime during the summer for a great community-wide revival. Quite a number have been saved already, many have rededicated their lives to the service of the Lord and others are showing a deep interest in the meeting. Pray for these men as they go from church to church, preaching the gospel and building up the churches in the rural communities.

Alec Broom.

MATERIALS FOR RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Since February 13 is to be observed nationally by churches, Sunday schools, young people's societies, and other religious groups as Race Relations Sunday, the commission on Interracial Cooperation, with headquarters in the Standard Building, Atlanta, announces that it is prepared to furnish an assortment of pamphlets on this subject, designed to be helpful in preparing sermons, addresses, and programs.

Among the pamphlets available are "The Bible and Race Relations," "America's Obligation to Its Negro Citizens," "Population Problems in the South," "America's Tenth Man," "Southern Opinion and Race Relations," "Burnt Cork and Crime," "Southern Leaders Impeach Judge Lynch," "The Cost of the Mob," and other interesting titles, including some selected poems. The complete assortment aggregates nearly a hundred printed pages packed with significant facts regarding the interracial situation. The commission announces that a selection of the above pamphlets will be sent without charge, or the entire assortment of twelve on receipt of ten cents to pay postage.

TO THE PASTORS OF CHURCHES AND PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. ORGANIZATIONS

Dear friends:

Since my return to Mississippi I have had many invitations to speak to the church people about our work in China at present. It has been necessary for me to state that the length of my stay in Mississippi was indefinite. Only this week has it been decided that I will not return to Shanghai this month, but that I will be here until summer. Since I am going to be here until summer it is my sincere desire to share with the people of Mississippi all the information I have about our work.

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There is another question for information which I can answer to all. The Foreign Mission Board has requested me to do deputation work; but the Foreign Mission Board is not able at this time to pay my travel expenses; therefore, it will be necessary for each church to provide my travel expense—only expense for travel.

If your church has not responded liberally to the call of the Foreign Mission Board to send in contributions for the emergency fund, I wish you would plan to take a special offering on that day and send it direct to the Foreign Mission Board. The extra expense of the Foreign Mission Board has been terrific; the call to feed starving Chinese is loud. Some churches in Mississippi have given nothing to aid our friends in China at this time. Surely when Christians know what the conditions are they will want to make an offering.

Sincerely yours,
Juanita Byrd

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Alcohol, as a beverage, is the world's greatest criminal. It has killed more persons than all the wars of the world.

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In a standard class and department we can reach out to MORE boys and girls, leading them into our Sunday school, through our own efforts, and in the enlistment of our pupils into definite service. By standardizing our work we can truly teach these, in a more efficient way, the word of God. A standard gives us more courage to WIN boys and girls to Christ through a real, meaningful, experience of salvation of their very own. The standard class will enlist them into joyous Christian service.

What does it take? The answer comes ringing back!—Vision! of Christ's work, of His command, of His task for us. Prayer! Positive, fervent, everyday prayer,—for our lost boys and girls, for our work, for our leaders. HARD WORK! Conscientious, earnest effort, over a period of—not days, nor months, but YEARS! It can be done! Let's do it! Let's love Jesus and our boys and girls enough to give them the very best Intermediate class and department possible. Oh! How they need it!

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John A. Farmer,
Approved State Intermediate Worker.

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GIVING AGAIN

Pardon me, should you be wearied with my importunate coming, taking issue with "the tenth because it works." Surely a rose will smell just as sweetly with another name, and who would doubt that "a cup of cold water" shall receive its reward, though this light diet program will not build the Kingdom with any degree of success. "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." Has this system truly worked? If so, then to oppose it is foolish and sinful. Let us reason together. In the past when most men had no income because of depression in the financial world, was not our missionary field as well as home work in desperate conditions?

It will not work because it is an isolated part of a system of laws forbidding interest, the return of their inheritance, gleaning in field and vineyard and years of jubilee freedom from all debts for the protection of the poor. To insist on this system in the absence of the other moral laws of property rights is a gross injustice in its burden when the man of wealth and no dependent ones gives of his abundance while the wage earner with many to keep is called on to make an unreasonable sacrifice. The law of Judaism will not fit into our Christian system. To teach that giving the tenth is an insurance of worldly gain is to foster a spirit of covetousness and so far as personal observation is concerned as a rule, its temporal blessings have no foundation whatsoever.

"You tithe and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, justice, mercy and faith," only faith enough in the church to cast in the truth. "Ye do strain at the gnat and swallow the camel."

Let us get from under the Law and get under the Cross and build God's Kingdom on earth with all of our time, talent and wealth, a cooperative, colonized local church. If you have not read the November number of "The Next Step" by Walt N. Johnson, Mars Hill, N. C., I will gladly send you a copy.

Yours in love,
L. B. Cole

MRS. JANIE THIGPEN DENSON

On Friday, November the 5th, Mrs. Janie Thigpen Denson passed to her heavenly reward, leaving a vacancy in the ranks of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society that will be hard to fill.

Mrs. Denson was a native of Lake Como, Jasper County, where she grew to womanhood, and early in life united with the Baptist church.

Later she was a charter member of the Baptist church at Soso, Miss., and was one of the group of women to organize the Woman's Missionary Society in the church at that place.

She was a member of the Bay Springs Baptist Church from 1909 to 1912 and was one of the faithful ones in those early years of this organization. From 1912 to 1932 she was active in the church at Agricola, Miss., where she was also instrumental in the organization of the Woman's Missionary Society and

served with those women.

After the death of her husband, Dr. E. A. Denson, she returned to Bay Springs where she has been an inspiration to all who labored with her. Her loyalty, devotion, and faithfulness were an example always to those with whom she served.

To her devoted children and grandchildren she has left a rich heritage and surely they "do not mourn as those without hope" but rejoice in the blessed memory of a saintly mother and grandmother.

"Father, I will that they also whom Thou hast given me be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me." Jno. 17:24.

Mrs. S. L. Ryan
Mrs. S. E. Sumrall
Mrs. Victoria Thigpen

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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and does what duty she is asked to do for Him. She loves her Lord and she goes to church to show Him that she does, and then away from church she loves and serves Him more and better because she went to church. Argue all you please, make fun all you want to; but until you can answer my mother's life with one as fine, I shall believe the God whom she does." Authority! AUTHORITY! "As one that had authority."

IV. Emancipation. Vv. 23-28.

This is what He came to do. He came to exercise unclean spirits. That is what ails the unsaved man. He is in the grasp and under the authority of an unclean spirit. What Jesus here did was to give an illustration of the supernatural in the realm of the natural.

No unclean men were cleansed by the Jewish teachers. When Jesus came and cleansed an unclean man, He did a new thing, a new kind, a new sort of thing. This is a new kind of teaching. He cleanses men. That is a new, strange thing in the world. He cleanses men.

BLUE MOUNTAIN

Dr. W. T. Lowrey, Clinton, uncle of President Lawrence T. Lowrey of Blue Mountain College, spoke at the college general assembly today, will speak tomorrow, and will occupy the pulpit of Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church here Sunday morning.

Dr. W. T. Lowrey was president of Blue Mountain College 27 years, first assuming the presidency at the age of 27 upon the death of the founder General M. P. Lowrey. He was also president of Mississippi College, Clinton, for 13 years. In addition he has been president of Gulf Coast Military Academy, Clarke College, and Hillman College. He is also chairman of the Board of trustees of the Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.

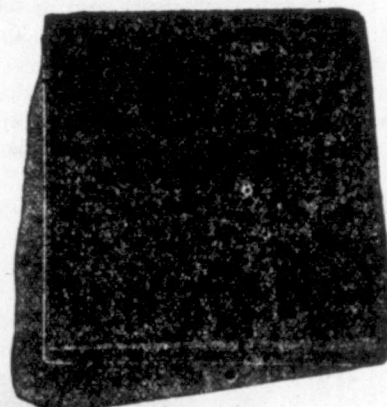
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GREETINGS FROM PALESTINE

Dear friends:

At last as the year is near ended to begin thinking of Christmas greetings we find ourselves getting settled down to real work here in our new home in Tel Aviv. Within a few days after our arrival we were granted an apartment by a Russian Jew who knows, of course, that we are Christians. And so far, with one or two exceptions, we have become settled in the city with a small circle of friends without having aroused the antagonism that would ordinarily come to Christian workers among these people. In most ways they have been nice to us and received us cordially, even knowing that we are followers of the Lord Jesus; but once the word "missionary" is mentioned our difficulties set in. Heretofore Christians living in this city, when it was known that they were striving to see people converted to a saving faith in Christ, found it difficult to obtain living quarters, and along with other such things finally felt that they should leave this large, new, all-Jewish city where nearly one hundred and fifty thousand souls speed on to a Christless eternity. But now that we are here we intend to stay until the Lord makes it evident that we should go elsewhere. It is the hope of the Board to have property here as soon as possible in order that the Gospel may be all the more faithfully proclaimed without the danger of those who proclaim it having to leave the city.

Nationalism takes the day here in Palestine as in most European lands; the individual and all his rights worth having (such as freedom of choice in matters of religion) one quite subordinated to the exaltation of the nation. A Jew, persecuted out of Germany four years ago and in dire need of the salvation and sustaining presence of Christ Jesus, was in our place this morning while we preached to him the Gospel; and what a dilemma he finds himself in: told on the one hand that if he does not accept Christ and serve Him he is lost forever, and yet if he takes Christ his own nation will persecute him and so sever him from work that the already tremendous task of supporting a wife and four children will become impossible from every human standpoint (and a mission cannot support its converts from this standpoint).

Because of the enmity between the Moslem and the Jew, as well as the nominal Christian, a convert coming from any one of these three groups to a church of New Testament Christianity, when he is cut off from his own people for believing, remains without hope humanly speaking. This is the reason that the few Christians that we have in our small churches are so earnest; when they come to Christ they have not only to leave sin and worldliness but also their very families, friends and work. There are instances of where wife leaves husband because he has accepted Christ, young people are thrown out on their own when baptized, the Moslem or Jewish nation excommunicates any of their number who confess the Son of God—literally "a

man is set at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother . . . and a man's foes are they of his own household." But what joy when one of them does confess the Lord with the words of our Savior, "He that loveth father or mother (or nation) more than me is not worthy of me."

We wish for you a Christmas filled with deepest joys of the true meaning and significance of the birth of our Lord. During the coming year may your heart rejoice because of the happiness each day brings and above all because of a closer fellowship with the Giver of all good and perfect gifts.

With friendly greetings appropriate to such a season and the wish that the coming year may hold in store for you the richest gifts of a kindly Province, we are

Sincerely yours,
H. Leo Eddleman.

I HAD A FRIEND

The story of every life would be much different if we could never say with truth, "I had a Friend." Far above silver and gold, above even houses and lots, I would put a Friend. This, perhaps is because the true friend is the "Friend in Need." No one can reach or even imagine a state where a friend will not be needed.

Many times has this writer been able to say, "I had a Friend." To think back across the few years we have lived is to find proven friends too numerous to mention. I had in my home two friends, in my mother and father, who did the best for their boy that they could. In many of my public school teachers I had a friend. Today come back the memories of the first teacher to whom I went at the beginning of my school years, and of her reading God's word and having prayer at opening of school each morning. Those early years were lived in the midst of friends, friends who were molding this preacher of today.

One of the dearest of all the friends I have ever had was that man of God who led me to that still dearer friend who saved my soul. That preacher took my hand in his and placed it then into that of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus the divine friend has held my hand through these years and I am assured He will forever.

In the years following that conversion I had friends who led me into the Sunday school and training union work where I had my first real taste of the sweetness of serving the Master, my Friend. These friends prayed for me and then as an echo of that which was already in my heart, I had a friend who said that God was calling this green country boy to preach His glorious Gospel. Friends counseled and prayed while I fought, and the call kept coming, growing stronger all the while. I lost the fight, and standing by my father's open grave I surrendered to the call and since have tried to be a "Voice" for my Friend divine to speak through.

I have had a friend many times during the years of my ministry, and many of them at the same time.

They have been patient and filled with loving kindness, continuing when I was least worthy of their friendship. The one closest and dearest of all has been my Saviour. He has proven himself, "For He died for our sins," that, "By grace through Faith," I might be saved. Yes, my life is what it is by, "The Grace of God," for in and behind every friend of mine is this matchless grace of God.

Perhaps if I should make a resolution at all for the New Year it would be, to be a friend to others. To my Saviour first and then to those who need a friend, "Unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Yes, I had a friend and want to be a friend that I might have others, for the sake of Christ and the glory of God.

Brethren, pray for us.

H. J. Rushing.

WICKES WAMBOLDT

One Thing and Another—The Things One Reads

"Tell me what a man reads," says a wiseacre, "and I will tell you what kind of man he is."

What we read has indeed a strong influence on fashioning our characters. Any field of thought with which we come constantly in contact makes its impression on our own thought. One should not stick too closely to any one field or liter-

ature but should read widely and always wholesomely.

An agriculturist who would sow weed seeds in his fields would be a fool; so the person who sows weed thoughts in his mind is a fool. I heard a man say recently that he did not believe he could read constantly a certain publication without sooner or later wanting to commit every one of the sins and crimes which are constantly featured by that publication. And the man quoted:

"Vice is a monster of so frightful mien,
As to be hated needs but to be seen;
Yet seen too oft, familiar with her face;
We first endure, then pity, then embrace." —Ex.

Modern Dress

"Lost — Purse by widow with initials on back."

Small Man or Large Pocket

"Lost — Gray suit with James Smith in pocket."

Very Small Baby

"Lost—Black bag containing baby and vanity articles."

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